# Bulworthy Project Land Management Environmental Policy

This is the Environmental Policy for Bulworthy Project in relation to its land management activities. This is a working document and is under ongoing monitoring to ensure that it keeps up with developments in science and the understanding of the impact that humans have on the environment. The latest version of this document can be found at: <a href="https://www.bulworthy.uk/LandEnvironmentalPolicy.pdf">www.bulworthy.uk/LandEnvironmentalPolicy.pdf</a>

Bulworthy Project was established in 2008, with the intention to preserve and create habitats and to provide an income to make itself financially sustainable.

It manages the land in which it is based and other parcels of land on behalf of their owners. The ethos of Bulworthy Project is that it is not sufficient to ensure that we are low-impact. We have to ensure that the organisation has a positive impact on the environment. We will achieve this through the following actions:

## Putting Weight on Environmental Impact

We look put the same weight on our environmental implications of our actions as a business as we do the financial implications. We will not take on work which we consider to create unjustified environmental damage, in the same way that we wouldn't take on work which would lose us money. We will always try to maximise the environmental benefit, wherever we can whilst still making a profit.

### Minimising our Carbon Footprint

We are aware of our carbon footprint and try to minimise it where possible. This includes combining journeys, using an electric chainsaw wherever practical, using efficient equipment and keeping it well maintained, aiming to work near to our base in Rackenford as much as possible.

#### **Minimising Toxins**

We always use bio chain oil and any sub contractors we hire will also use bio chain oil. We do not use fertilisers, weedkillers, fungicides or pesticides. There are a few situations in which their use may be the only viable option. In this case, we would use a fully trained subcontractor, who would minimise the environmental damage as a priority. We use alkylate fuel for our petrol saws. This creates less pollution and is less damaging to sensitive environments\*. We keep our equipment well maintained, to avoid leakage of fuel or oil. We use non-spill fuel spouts to fill chainsaws, brushcutters etc and don't refuel equipment on sensitive sites, if there would be a risk of spillage. (\*Anywhere where there's life really).

#### **Encouraging Environmentalism**

When discussing a client's plans, we make suggestions which encourage better environmental outcomes. When writing woodland management plans, we try to build in as much environmental benefit as possible.

#### Minimising Waste

We minimise waste firstly by thinking about each purchase carefully and not buying stuff that's not necessary. We reuse or repurpose if that's possible. We recycle where it's not if that's possible. We try to avoid buying single use plastic and items which are designed to have a short life. To return to the Bulworthy Project homepage, click here