

## **VOLUNTEER POLICY**

**Summary:** To present the new Volunteer Policy

**Recommendation:** That the Board adopts the new policy

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### **BACKGROUND AND INTRODUCTION**

- The Cotswolds National Landscape Board does not currently hold a volunteering policy and has previously relied on the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens Constitution, created in 1998, as a reference document.
- Over the past few years, there have been an increasing number of projects that have been seeking to involve volunteers in a wide range of activities. It was therefore felt timely to establish a volunteering policy that clearly lays out the CNL Board's support for volunteers across the organisation as a whole.
- The Volunteer Policy is an over-arching document that lays out the organisation's strong and genuine commitment to volunteers and the legal and practical support that it offers in return for their valuable time and efforts.
- A Volunteer Handbook is currently being finalised that will be available to all volunteers and covers more detailed practical and local information relevant to volunteer activities.

### **SUPPORTING PAPERS**

- Appendix A – Volunteer Policy

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