

## UKWAS STATEMENT

Fountains Forestry UK Limited manages woodlands and forests throughout the United Kingdom. As a company we strive to be at the forefront of forestry management techniques and to bring to our clients the benefits of a thoroughly professional approach. As a company we supported the introduction, in 1998, of the UK Forestry Standard. We have always sought to manage forests and woodlands in ways that not only maximise the financial returns for our clients but also maximise the environmental benefits and other uses of the land.

In its forest management practices Fountains Forestry embrace the principles of sustainable forest management defined by the requirements of the United Kingdom Woodland Assurance Standard (UKWAS) and endorsed by the Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC® C008961) and PEFC™ as being conformant with their Principles, Criteria and Indicators. All of our processes and procedures comply with the requirement of the UKWAS standard and only where owners instruct us not to undertake specific proposals will woodland areas not be managed in a way that produces certifiable woodland and forest products.

Fountains Forestry aims, whilst growing and managing the forests and woodlands of its Clients':

To develop strategies to maintain, and wherever possible enhance

- **the basic biological productivity of soils.**
- **the quality of the atmosphere.**
- **the biological diversity of a site.**
- **the security of scarce or special species, habitats or high conservation values.**

To safeguard, conserve and wherever possible improve cherished landscapes.

- **important archaeological and historical features.**
- **protect and ensure workers rights relating to equality issues, grievance procedures and living wages.**



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