**Stewarton Initiatives**

**Health and Safety policy statement**

Stewarton Initiativeswill:

* Establish and implement a Health and Safety Management System to manage the risks associated with our premises and activities.
* Regularly monitor our performance and revise our Health and Safety Management System as necessary to ensure we achieve our objective of continuous improvement.
* Provide sufficient resources to meet the requirements of current Health and Safety legislation and aim to achieve the standards of 'Good Practice' applicable to our activities.
* Actively promote an open attitude to Health and Safety issues, encouraging volunteers and staff to identify and report hazards so that we can all contribute to creating and maintaining a safe working environment.
* Communicate and consult with our staff on all issues affecting their health and safety and, in doing so, bring this policy to their attention.
* Provide adequate training for our volunteers and staff to enable them to work safely and effectively, and to ensure they are competent and confident in the work they carry out.
* Carry out and regularly review risk assessments to identify hazards and existing control measures. We will prioritise, plan and complete any corrective actions required to reduce risk to an acceptable level.
* Maintain our premises and work equipment to a standard that ensures that risks are effectively managed.
* Ensure that responsibilities for Health and Safety are allocated, understood, monitored and fulfilled.
* Retain access to competent advice and assistance ensuring that we are aware of relevant changes in legislation and 'Good Practice'.
* Co-operate with other organisations to ensure that they are aware of any risks to their staff and other people posed by our activities, that we are aware of any risks to our staff from their activities, and that we comply with the relevant requirements of legislation.

It is the duty of all of us when at work or volunteering:

* to take reasonable care of our own safety
* to take reasonable care of the safety of others who may be affected by what we do or fail to do
* to co-operate so that we can all comply with our legal duties
* to ensure we do not interfere with or misuse anything provided in the interests of health and safety.

**Signed: Robert Whiteford**

(For and on behalf of Stewarton Initiatives)

**Position: Chairperson**

**Date: 20 December 2023**