

THE FINDHORN VILLAGE CONSERVATION COMPANY (TFVCC)

STEWARDSHIP POLICY

Definition of Stewardship

Stewardship is the job of supervising or taking care of something. Taking that one step further, Land Stewardship is the caring for a piece of land regardless of its ownership. Land includes buildings and other structures, land covered with water, and any right or interest in or over land, that can be in either a rural or urban context. It is a collective responsibility of all, to carefully and responsibly manage the land to ensure the quality and abundance of our land, air, water, and biodiversity.

The Findhorn Village Conservation Company (TFVCC) and Stewardship

In 2016 TFVCC, with support from local residents, purchased Novar Estates residual land holdings in Findhorn. The map of TFVCC land holdings are clearly marked on the map in line with those registered at the Land Registry. The map of TFVCC land holdings is available for viewing, on request, at the Findhorn Village Centre.

TFVCC has overall responsibility for managing and supervising the area of land purchased from Novar Estates. TFVCC is also responsible for good stewardship of finances, to ensure a balance between income generation and expenditure on developments/projects in the village.

Effective management can only be achieved through communication with and input from local residents. There are areas of land, owned by TFVCC that individuals have tended over a long period of time, e.g. gardens, communal areas, etc.

TFVCC will work with people and take steps to ensure these current arrangements continue. Individuals using any land owned by TFVCC should not make any changes to the land use or erect any structures without prior permission from TFVCC. In areas where TFVCC land borders any residents land and there is an issue e.g. Trees cutting out sunlight, or restricting access then we will discuss a solution agreed by both parties.

Please note it is the policy of TFVCC not to sell any land unless to resolve an inherited problem at the time of purchase or deal with extenuating circumstances.

(Refer to TFVCC policy and procedures for Sale and Lease of Land Policy)

PROCEDURE

- a) Anyone who requires information on land owned by TFVCC in the village should - Email : findhornvcc@gmail.com
- b) Any issue raised will be discussed i.e. who will look after the area and what it can be used for.
- c) Any changes on land use on land owned by TFVCC cannot be implemented without agreement with TFVCC.
- d) Agreement on who is responsible for payment of any work required.
- e) Should a resident want to lease an area of land from TFVCC - refer to TFVCC Sale and Lease of Land policy. (On TFVCC Website).