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Dear Mr Pennock

Letter Of Intent – Proposed Informal Partnership between Colwall Orchard Trust (COT) and Downs Light Railway Trust (DLRT)

This letter of intent is intended to confirm that Colwall Orchard Trust (COT) is willing to join in an informal partnership arrangement with the Downs Light Railway Trust (DLRT) in furtherance of each organisations' aims.

COT is a small, independent charity, entirely run by volunteers, that exists to restore, promote and celebrate traditional orchards. The charity was established in 2011, has in excess of 150 members and is located in the village of Colwall near Malvern. It has two of its own community orchards in Colwall and has a proven record of working in partnership with other organisations including charities, private landowners, the Malvern Hills AONB, the Parish Council, the local Primary School, and other educational groups.

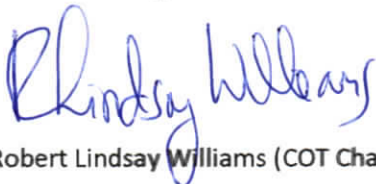
In December 2020 COT was approached by the DLRT with a proposal to work jointly on a variety of areas to include consultancy and practical help with selecting and planting trees as part of a DLRT planning application; some practical orchard maintenance tasks such as pruning an existing traditional orchard; holding of a fruit/harvesting juicing day in the Autumn of 2021 to include use of the Downs Light Railway. All of these activities would be centred around the Downs School, Colwall near Malvern, and would involve pupils and staff from the school together with the wider community.

COT feels that these activities are fully in accordance with its charitable objects, and the Trustees of the COT Board are very enthusiastic about the opportunities and benefits that such a joint venture will provide for COT's membership, the DLRT, The Downs School and the local community.

A strategic partnership will allow COT to get its message out to a new, younger audience; help with its ambitions to plant new trees and to restore and maintain a local traditional orchard; and provide new opportunities for its existing volunteers.

COT is grateful for the initial DLRT approach and looks forward to a productive and mutually beneficial relationship with both the DLRT and the Downs School in the future.

Yours sincerely,



Robert Lindsay Williams (COT Chair)

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