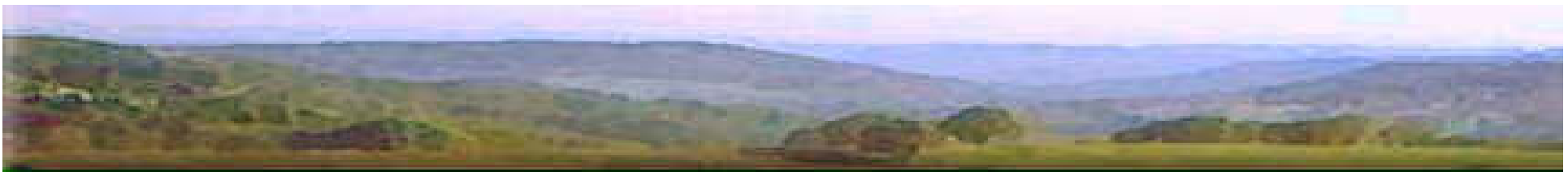


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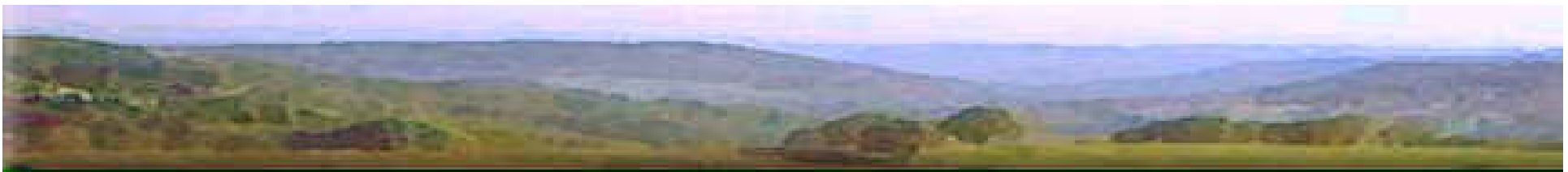
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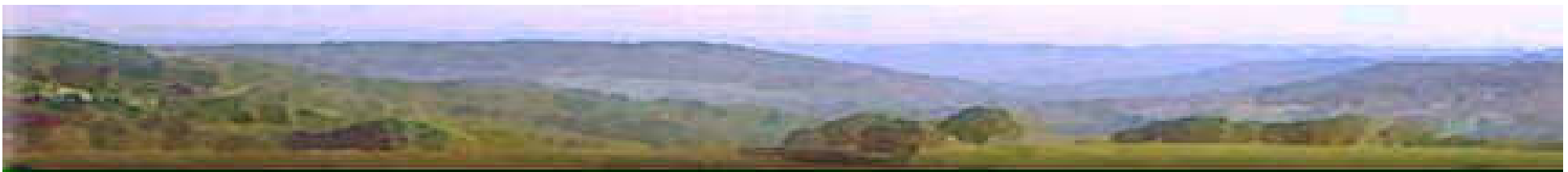
Getting organised – why bother?

- You can remain a group or association
- You may *want* to consider some sort of statement that says what you're about
- You may want to open a bank account
- You might want to apply for some grants



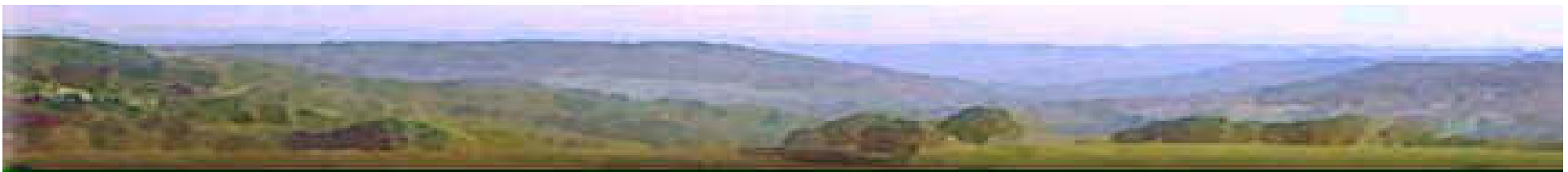
Getting organised – why bother?

- Informal or formal?
- What happens to the money, if there is any?
- Who's liable?
- Informal association?
- Company Limited by Guarantee?
- Charitable status?



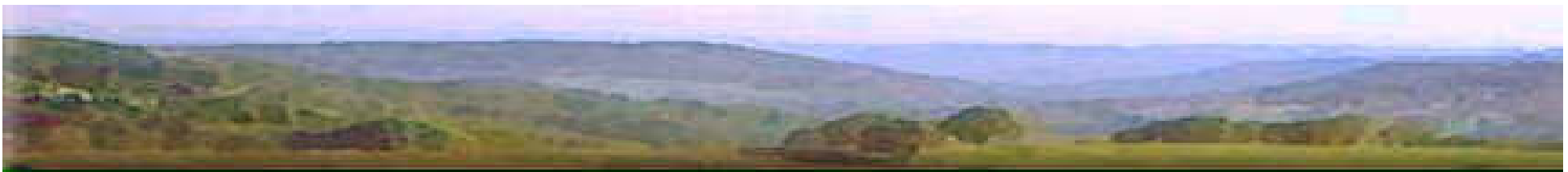
Companies, charities and the tax man

- You say you're a charity – so prove it
- HMRC and the Charity Commission
- Money and Gift Aid
- Company Limited by Guarantee
- No, you (probably) can't reclaim the VAT
- But isn't this all a load of bureaucracy?



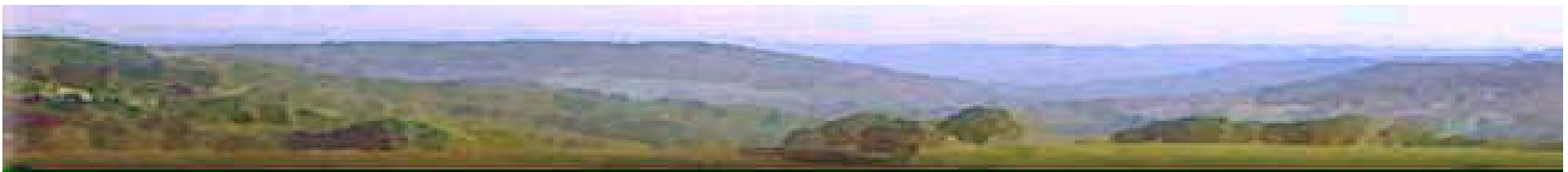
So you want some land?

- Do you want to manage your own destiny?
- Who can – or should – take ownership?
- Bureaucracy, but done once, so do it right!



The BCOG approach

- Company Limited by Guarantee
- Charitable status recognised by HMRC
- Not registered with the Charity Commission
- The company owns the peppercorn lease to Michlow Orchard



Thank you

Any questions?

