

Soil Association : what's it all about?

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DEED OF COVENANT

I, _____ of _____

HEREBY COVENANT with THE SOIL ASSOCIATION LIMITED of Walnut Tree Manor, Haughley, Suffolk (hereinafter called "the Association"), that for a period of seven years from the date hereof or during my life (whichever shall be the

shorter) I will pay to the Association on the _____

day of _____ in every year such a sum

as will after the deduction of Income Tax leave in the hands

of the Association the nett sum of £ _____ such sum to be paid from my general fund of taxed income.

IN WITNESS whereof I hereunto set my hand the

_____ day of _____ 197 _____

SIGNED, AND
DELIVERED }
by the said _____

in the presence of:

WITNESS Name _____

Address _____

Occupation _____

NOTE:—The date chosen for the annual payment must be
LATER than the date on which you sign the Deed.

A DEED OF COVENANT

A Deed of Covenant is an agreement by a Member to pay an annual subscription for seven years. If the Member pays United Kingdom Income Tax at the standard rate the Soil Association as a registered Charity is entitled to reclaim from the Inland Revenue the Income Tax which the Member has already paid on the subscription. It costs the Member nothing, but benefits the Soil Association by some 45%. This Deed of Covenant can be terminated by mutual agreement between the Member and the Soil Association. This is a simple way of giving the Association real support at no cost to the Member. There are three forms to complete, first the Bankers Order, second the Deed of Covenant, and third a declaration by the Member that he pays United Kingdom Income Tax. Nothing else is required, and all the administrative work is done by the Soil Association.

There are Soil Association Groups in various parts of the United Kingdom.

The Association's publications are sent to members all over the world. We also publish books and pamphlets on agriculture, gardening, food and health and environmental topics.

Take a positive step towards a better understanding of health in soil, plant animal and man.

**ORGANIC HUSBANDRY IS
A VIABLE ALTERNATIVE
TO ORTHODOX FARMING**

**THE FOUNDATION OF
PHYSICAL AND MENTAL
HEALTH IS SOUND NUTRITION**

**JOIN THE
SOIL ASSOCIATION NOW.**

**The Soil Association
Walnut Tree Manor
Haughley
Stowmarket, Suffolk, IP14 3RS
Tel: Haughley 235**

Subscription Rates:

Annual Subscription £3.00 per year.

Corporate membership, subscription by negotiation

Soil Association

What's it all about?



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**THE SOIL ASSOCIATION
MARK OF ORGANIC QUALITY**

* Registration applied for

THE SOIL ASSOCIATION

The Soil Association was founded by a group of people from many different walks of life who believe that the right approach to a better understanding of health is the positive one of promoting vitality rather than the negative one of preventing disease.

Our Association is concerned with health—the health of man, the health of animals, the health of plants, and therefore especially with the health and fertility of the top few inches of the soil on which all life on earth depends.

Our Association believes that organic husbandry is the best means of building up soil fertility to produce better crops of high nutritional value leading to better health.

ORGANIC HUSBANDRY OFFERS

A living soil, full of vitality, growing high quality crops which are resistant to both disease and pests. Crops that flourish without the use of synthetic chemicals.

A biologically active soil gaining free nitrogen from the air and enabling plants to draw essential minerals and trace elements from the earth.

A soil with a high humus content that will absorb and retain moisture, ease cultivation and remain stable in all weathers.

HOW DO WE GO ABOUT THIS?

We advise farmers who wish to know more about organic husbandry.

We conduct courses for those interested in the principles and practice of organic husbandry.

Through conferences, lectures and exhibitions at agricultural and horticultural shows we demonstrate the advantages of organic methods.

We control an Organic Marketing Company. This company seeks to protect the consumer and encourage the producers by laying down procedures and standards to guide organic production.

We promote research and arrange field trials to develop greater knowledge of organic husbandry.

We co-operate with other organisations in the ecological movement who are also concerned with the health of man and his environment.

We issue a regular magazine and run a book shop for the benefit of all members.

WHY DO WE DO ALL THIS?

We believe that the right approach to a better understanding of health is the positive one of promoting vitality rather than the negative one of preventing disease.

Physical and mental health depends on sound nutrition, and the vitality of the soil is the foundation of health in all people, animals and plants. Most degenerative diseases are man-made.

The soil is alive and must be treated as a living organism. It has vitality which must be fed and nourished for it cannot be starved or the life within it will perish.

The greater the skill and art of the organic grower, the less necessary becomes the use of chemicals which may leave harmful residues.

The constant application of agro-chemicals, misguided cultivation, monocropping and the failure to replace organic matter reduce soil vitality and makes expensive chemical feeding and medication of plants necessary.

Constant research and trials are developing increasingly effective biological methods, notably in pest control. This decreases reliance on chemicals.

Biological husbandry causes no pollution and protects the environment.

WHAT NOW?

The Soil Association is a registered charity dependent on public subscription, and founded some twenty-five years ago by a group of discerning people who foresaw the danger to the health of the soil through the introduction of industrial methods into agriculture. It has world-wide membership.

The Soil Association believes it is important to bring together like-minded people so that they may help and support each other in furthering the aims of the Association.

APPLICATION FORM

Annual Subscription £3.00

Please complete this form and send it to:

The General Secretary,
THE SOIL ASSOCIATION,
Walnut Tree Manor,
Haughley,
Stowmarket, SUFFOLK IP14 3RS.

Name

Address

Occupation

Age Under 25 : 25 to 45 : 45 to 65

We will put you in contact with your local Group. Information on your occupation will enable us to put you in touch with like-minded members.

The Association is a Charity and welcomes donations to assist it in its work.

Payment can be made as you like, cheque, Postal Order or cash. A Banker's Order is easy and saves the Association much clerical work and postage. A covenanted subscription costs you no more, but in real terms benefits the Association by some 45%.

BANKERS ORDER FORM

To the Bank

..... Branch

Please pay to Barclays Bank (20-82-75) Stowmarket, Suffolk for the credit of the Soil Association (10811963) on receipt

of this order and on the day of

in each following year the sum of £

Signature Date

Address