

*“I have always had in mind the creation of a sound, practical, enterprising; preserving what is best in our country way of life, and based on sound, practical farming, as all country life must be.” - William Scott Abbott*

**The William Scott Abbott Trust is an educational charity committed to connecting people to agriculture through a variety of experiences in a diverse historic landscape.**

Our *vision* is to create a thriving, innovative and enterprising agricultural education and rural skills “centre of excellence”.

Our programmes will transform participants’ relationships with food, forestry, fibre and farms.

Our *mission* is to inspire, nurture and promote farm- and nature-based education.

We will design and deliver authentic agricultural and outdoor experiences that nurture connections between families, farms, and food in East Anglia.

We will do this at Sacrewell through:

- Farm Camp and Farm School
- Day and Residential Learning Programmes for all ages
- School visits and Group Tours
- Out-of-school programmes/offer
- Special events
- Being a visitor centre open to the public

The *objectives* of the original Trust as set out in the Declaration of Trust in December 1963 are set out below:

- The advancement of all forms of agricultural education including the provision of sound practical training for suitable pupils in agriculture.
- The provision of sound and reasonably stable farming systems in conjunction with the keeping of records and cost accounts to be available to interested parties.
- The encouragement of the integration of forestry with farming.
- The initiation and prosecution of investigation and research into agricultural systems and techniques with a view to the improvement of agriculture by the dissemination of the results of such investigation and research.
- The making of grants of money to persons deserving and in need of assistance to study and be trained in agriculture.
- The making of grants of money to other charitable associations or bodies having similar objectives.
- Any act or thing necessary or incidental to the fulfilment of any of the purposes aforesaid.

Our *aim* is to connect people of all ages and backgrounds to the science, heritage and practical art of agriculture and to illuminate the trail that leads from farm to plate.

## **WSAT and Sacrewell Core Values**

### ***Think Long Term***

- We look after Sacrewell Farm for the future. We're dynamic, far-sighted and ready to lead for the long term. We behave in a sustainable way, reducing our impact on the environment and spending wisely to make sure we have the financial security to look after special places for ever. We keep things simple and are imaginative about finding better ways to do things.

### ***Respect and cherish our land***

- We hold Sacrewell Farm in the highest regard. We all value the role it has had and will continue to have in people's lives. We connect with William Scott Abbott's ethos and desire to share our agricultural heritage with everyone. We celebrate the distinctiveness of Sacrewell, keeping it honest and authentic, not uniform, fake or unloved. We are all ambassadors for the William Scott Abbott Trust, promoting the importance of our work and the experiences we offer at Sacrewell.

### ***Inspire People – "Can Do" Attitude***

- We inspire people to connect with agriculture. We're warm, welcoming and actively part of the communities around us. We encourage and listen to other people's views, needs and suggestions and we exceed people's expectations with our positive 'can-do' attitude. We thrive by involving people in what we do, inspiring them to share our passion for Sacrewell.

### ***Share our Common Purpose - Teamwork***

- We work together to look after Sacrewell. We trust and empower each other to make the right decisions, working collaboratively and at pace. We build effective relationships, learning from each other and promoting simplicity, fairness, innovation and learning. As we work towards achieving our common purpose we're clear on what we're accountable for, making decisions within agreed frameworks.