Appendix 1

Swaledale and Arkengarthdale Archaeology Group (SWAAG)

Safety Policy for Children and Young People Taking Part In SWAAG Activities

SWAAG is a charitable, voluntary organisation which organises and undertakes a range of activities, including walks, archaeological digs, surveys, etc. We welcome the participation of children and young people under 18 years of age and are aware of the paramount need to safeguard their welfare. For that reason SWAAG requires that:

1. Whilst participating in any SWAAG activity, children and young people under the age of 18 years are at all times supervised and controlled by a Responsible Adult over the age of 18 years, for example a parent, guardian or other appropriate person;

2. If the Responsible Adult is not the child's or young person's parent or guardian, and if asked by SWAAG, he/she must be able to demonstrate to the SWAAG Activity Leader's satisfaction that they have been appointed to the role of Responsible Adult by the child's or young person's parent or guardian;

3. Some activities may carry a minimum age restriction and/or restriction on the number of children and/or young people per responsible adult;

4. Before starting any excavation or fieldwork activity, the Responsible Adult must read the SWAAG "Excavations and Fieldwork Safety Guidance" and associated Risk Assessment and ensure that the children and young people under their control adhere to the guidance in those documents. The Responsible Adult must also sign the Health and Safety Declaration form;

5. Before commencing a walk, the Responsible Adult shall receive a health and safety briefing from the Walk Leader/Back Up and shall ensure that the children and young people under their control adhere to the guidance;

6. The Responsible Adult acknowledges that, if in SWAAG's judgement, the children or young people for whom they are responsible are not behaving appropriately, or the level of supervision is deemed to be inadequate, SWAAG reserves the right to ask them to leave the activity.

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I declare that I am the Responsible Adult for:

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and that I have read, understand and agree to the "Safety Policy for Children and Young People Taking Part in SWAAG Activities," set out above.

Signed…………………………………………..date……………………

Please print your name…………………………………………...

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