

# CARETAKER Support Sheet

## CARETAKER CARE AND MAINTENANCE

AN CHOILL  
BHEAG

**An Choill Bheag** is a small dense woodland habitat. It is an educational resource in the school grounds, planted by the students, for the students to learn about woodland habitats. We appreciate that as caretaker, you will be involved in it's care and maintenance. We do not want to add to your workload! The woodlands should need minimal care and maintenance. The main work is to keep adding mulches around the trees to keep grass growth down. Grass clippings, leaves and bark mulch will all do that job.

### Care and Maintenance:

1. We are encouraging the students to trample any grass growing around the trees
2. Strim or mow the grass in the circular classroom area
3. Strim or mow around the edges of the logs or woodland (if there are not logs)
4. Do not strim next to the trees as they can get ring-barked and this will kill them
5. Mulching – use grass clippings, leaves and bark to mulch the area. Add a 4" layer at any time of the year
6. **Do not spray any chemicals** in or around An Choill Bheag (and preferably the entire school grounds)
7. Let the students do the work – with mulching and other jobs that can be done as a class, with buckets and wheelbarrows
8. See calendar of care and maintenance (*Teacher Support Sheet no. 6B*)
9. If you want to know or are concerned about anything relating to An Choill Bheag, speak to the LEAF teacher and they can make contact with us