

# *Handfasting agreement*

*An handfasting agreement is made On the .....*

*between ..... and.....*

*We the undersigned acknowledge Handfasting as predating other forms of connecting two people in a relationship agreement, and valid under the terms set down by the Traditional Craft Association, representing traditional paths within the craft, and this agreement has been crafted by the Water Witches, the senior craft order.*

*Handfasting is an agreement of equality, no one person is superior or above the other, within a relationship. It is about trust, honour, and being each responsible for the others well being, and happiness.*

*It is a gateway ritual that we enact, giving our word each to the other, stepping over into a new phase within our lives. We call for the support of all things, all powers and all of nature and the spirit to support us in achieving our aims. We give our undertaking to honour this agreement and each other, and to acknowledge that breaking of such an undertaking would deserve dire consequences.*

*By entering into a handfasting we both agree to respect, honour, be trustworthy and to do all within our power to bring happiness to each other, not to take each other for granted and to start from this day with a clean slate, not holding anything that has occurred before this point against the other. Not to do anything that would harm or hurt the other and to talk openly and honestly to the other about our feelings, concerns and any problems we may see.*

*We agree to share our bodies, our breath, our council, and our existence while together, and to not forget each other while we are apart.*

*We both agree not to enter into any other personal, sexual or close relationship with any other person, in a way that would put the health of the other partner at risk, and that does not exist and is disclosed at this point, without the clear approval of the other.*

*This handfasting is to last for a \*year and day/ \*2 years and a day / \*our life time \*and be voluntary annually renewed thereafter until such time that one party should not wish to.*

*Under this handfasting children maybe conceived and should be acknowledged, cherished and loved by both parents and after the handfasting is dissolved should spend quality time with each. The decision when to attempt conception must be agreed between us and where we agree this should occur. We will both take equal financial responsibility for their well being. The responsibility for selecting and using contraception that does not come between us will rest with the female partner. In the case of an accidental pregnancy we will discuss it between us and try to reach a decision as to the best action to take, but the final decision will rest with the female partner. Where the female partner decides to give birth in the case of an accidental pregnancy and the male partner did not wish it to occur, then the male partner will have no financial commitment after the handfasting is dissolved.*

*This handfasting can be dissolved with the consent of both parties or on the instruction of either party giving a month's clear notice to the other, and being available for many days within the month to try to patch up any differences.*

*During the period of the handfasting all assets acquired as a result will be held by us jointly and when it is dissolved they will be split equally.*

*Signed together this day.*