

Since 1996, with the help of numerous people, we cleaned up the whole site, built a temple, partly rehabilitated the barn, renovated the main house and added an extra floor to it, set up a study room, planted some 700 trees and shrubs of which two fruit orchards and a walnut grove, made a fish pond, an aviary and various shelters, and then built a stupa, thereby fulfilling the second wish.

At the same time, since the construction of the temple (1999), a programme of retreats has been taking place, allowing us to welcome, hundreds of people, in small groups.

The conditions for practicing were particularly difficult, due to the limited facilities, such as the lodgings located outside of the centre. Much patience has been required from retreat visitors as well as from those in charge of organisation.

...Today the trees give their first fruit !



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Dhagpo Dargye Ling is a place of retreat for lay people wishing to pursue a spiritual path through their family and professional lives, based on the Karma Kagyu tradition. This place enables to dedicate short and medium periods of time to a spiritual practice in a favourable environment.



At the time of its acquisition, there existed a main building with a first floor, a barn to be renovated and a crumbling stone shelter, all of which were covered in brambles. Weeds overran the field, and dying trees covered in ivy surrounded the property.

By naming the site "the place from which the Teachings spread forth to infinity", Lama Guendune Rinpoche formulated 3 wishes - "first one must make the site beautiful, then build a Stupa, after which all will fall into place to create the retreat centre"...

Today the enchantment evoked by the sight of Dargye Ling in the hearts of visitors fills us with the presence of Rinpoche and with the conviction that his first wish has been accomplished.

The retreat centre project

Many projects have taken shape since the birth of Dargye Ling. Still can a retreat centre be called as such without providing practitioners with on-site accommodation? There lies the expression of Lama Guendune's third wish.

A significant architectural work, approved by Their Holiness Karmapa and Shamar Rinpoche, has been put on paper, propelling us into the future of the retreat centre some years from now. Seven steps of construction work have been identified to complete the project :

- A centre for short retreats and the construction of a workshop.
 - The fitting out of the barn with a large temple dedicated to Amitabha.
 - The fitting out and restructuring of the existing temple.
 - A centre for individual retreats and a technical room.
 - A centre with a temple for medium retreats.
 - The construction of a house for His Holiness Karmapa.
- A retreat centre for Lamas and Druptas.

Today priority is given to the construction of the first 2 buildings, located in the short-time retreat centre area. Both buildings include shared bathrooms, and 8 rooms each equipped with a small kitchen.

A reception office and a meeting room are planned in one of the buildings, and an accommodation unit for disabled visitors in the other.

