



Safeguarding Policy

This statement of policy and procedures applies to members and guests of Cannock Wood and Gentleshaw Gardening Club and to any of its ancillary activities for which the Club is responsible. This policy is in place to protect all children and vulnerable adults regardless of gender, ethnicity, disability, sexuality, religion or faith.

The welfare of the child or vulnerable adult is paramount and the responsibility of everyone. All children and vulnerable adults have the right to protection from abuse whether physical, verbal, sexual bullying, exclusion or neglect.

The Club will comply with the Safeguarding Policy of Cannock Wood and Gentleshaw Village Hall, where the majority of its activities take place, which is displayed on the Hall noticeboard. The Safeguarding manager for the Gardening Club is Deborah Jackson 07932 592030 and 01543 877973.

Matters of concern should be reported and the relevant authorities should be notified. If you think a child, young person or vulnerable adult is in immediate danger ring 999

If you think a child or young person is in danger of significant harm ring [0300 1118007](tel:03001118007) or email FirstR@staffordshire.gov.uk (Open Monday -Thursday 8.30 -5.00 Friday 8.30-4.30) Outside these hours ring Emergency Duty Team on [0345 6042886](tel:03456042886)

If you have concerns about vulnerable adults ring [0345 604 2719](tel:03456042719) (Monday - Friday* 9am - 5pm *Excludes Bank Holidays) or the emergency duty team on [0345 6042886](tel:03456042886) or email staffordshirecares@staffordshire.gov.uk

It is strongly recommended that for further details about safeguarding and how to recognise symptoms you should read the very comprehensive statement for safeguarding published by Lichfield District Council, which can be found on their website.

This policy will be reviewed in accordance with changes to the law and the needs of the club. Reviews will be at minimum annually prior to the AGM, or more frequently if necessary.

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