

Coleorton Heritage Group

Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable adults

Protection Policy



Scope

Coleorton Heritage Group has considered its responsibilities to the young people and vulnerable adults participating in activities undertaken by the Group very carefully, and has produced the following Safeguarding of Children and vulnerable adults policy and underpinning procedures in order to set out the standards we wish to uphold in providing activities for children and vulnerable adults and safeguarding the welfare of children and vulnerable adults in our care.

1. Policy Statement

Coleorton Heritage Group acknowledges its duty of care to safeguard the welfare of all young people (defined as those under 18) and vulnerable adults involved in activities within the Group. All young people and vulnerable adults have a right to protection, and to have their particular needs taken into account. Coleorton Heritage Group will therefore endeavour to ensure the safety and protection of all young people and vulnerable adults involved with the Group through the Child Protection and vulnerable adults guidelines adopted by the Management Committee of the Group. It is the responsibility of all adults within the Group to assist the Management Committee in this endeavour.

2. Policy Aims

To provide young people and vulnerable adults with appropriate safety and protection whilst in the care of the Group and also help them to enjoy their experience of activities within the Group.

- To reassure parents and relatives or carers that children and vulnerable adults will receive the best practicable care possible whilst participating in activities within the Group.
- To provide support to Group members and volunteers to make informed and confident responses to specific child or vulnerable adult protection issues and to fulfil their role effectively.

3. Principles

The welfare of young people and vulnerable adults is paramount.

- All young people and vulnerable adults, whatever their age, culture, disability, gender, language, ethnic origin and religious beliefs have the right to protection from abuse.
- All suspicions and allegations of abuse and poor practice will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.
- All members of Coleorton Heritage Group have a responsibility to report concerns to the Group safeguarding officer.
- All Group members will be supported to understand their role and responsibility with regard to the duty of care and protection of young people and vulnerable adults by the Group committee and will receive support through education and training, coordinated by the committee on how to be aware of and understand best practice and how to manage any welfare or child and vulnerable adult protection issues that may come to light.
- The Management Committee has responsibility for ensuring that the policy and procedures are implemented, including ensuring all concerns are reported to the appropriate authority.

- The Group safeguarding officer has responsibility for responding to any allegations, concerns or child or vulnerable adult protection incidents, passing information to the appropriate authorities and informing the Group committee members where relevant.
- Parents and carers have a responsibility to work together with the Group in implementing procedures and providing children and vulnerable adults with the necessary information to keep themselves safe.

5. Monitoring and review

This policy will be reviewed one year after being introduced and then every three years or in response to significant new legislation.

Signed:



Date: 31/03/2023

Name of officer signing: Sandra Dillon

Coleorton Heritage Group

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