

# **Safeguarding Policy**

# 1. Acknowledgement

Sustainable Warminster (non-profit) community group acknowledge our duty of care to safeguard the welfare of all children and adults who participate in any activities or events run by the group.

## 2. We aim to ensure that

regardless of age, gender, religion or beliefs, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation or social background, all children, young people or adults at risk have a positive, safe, rewarding and enjoyable experience when participating in activities or events.

#### 3. We will assess

and aim to minimise the risks associated with any event. We will plan the safety of events and avoidance of accidents as far as is reasonably possible. (See our Health and Safety policy)

#### 4. Carers

We will ensure that all participating children or vulnerable adults are accompanied by their parents or their trusted adult and are not left alone, or left alone with adults they do not know.

## 5. Problems arising

We will make sure participants know who to talk to if they have a problem.

## 6. Publicity

If our events involve media coverage or taking of photographs we will take care not to use photographs or publish names without the permission of the parents or carers of children and vulnerable adults, as we do for everyone involved in an event.

## 7. Other Organisations

When working with other organisations we will make sure there are clear lines of responsibility and reporting between us and them. Where we work with, for example, Toad Patrol or the Wiltshire Bat Group, we will make sure that we are covered by their insurance. Otherwise we will ask participants to sign a disclaimer that they participate at their own risk.

# 8. Review

We will review our safeguarding arrangements biennially.