

The Friends of Fairy Dell

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy.



Children and young people under the age of 18 years, plus vulnerable adults, have the right to proper care and protection from any kind of abuse, be it:

- physical injury
- sexual abuse
- an act of neglect or an omission to act
- emotional abuse
- verbal or psychological pain or injury.

We, the Friends of Fairy Dell, are not experts in this field, however, we do want to protect this group of people. We are committed to ensuring that all those associated with the group have positive and enjoyable experiences. Consequently we are committed to ensuring that all young people who take part in our activities are kept free from harm.

We will ensure that:

- Everyone is treated with respect
- Activities take place in a safe and secure environment
- Members who work with Children and Vulnerable Adults are checked and cleared with the Disclosure & Barring Service via Middlesbrough Council
- Opportunities exist for young people and parents/primary carers to talk to us about any concerns they may have
- Young people and parents/primary carers feel sufficiently comfortable and confident to discuss attitudes and behaviour they do not like
- Adults associated with the Friends of Fairy Dell will take appropriate action if a child, young person, vulnerable adult or guardian expresses concern about abuse
- No adult is left alone with individual young people, other than their guardians.

The Following principles form the basis for this document

- The welfare of the person is paramount
- Each and every person irrespective of age, gender, religion, race or disability has the right to protection from abuse
- Allegations and suspicions of abuse will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately
- Each and every person has the right to be safe and to be treated with respect and dignity
- Recognition that working in partnership with children and vulnerable adults, their guardians, the Social Services and other agencies are necessary for welfare and protection

Procedures

In order to do this we will:

- 1) Have a designated named child and vulnerable adult protection representative to whom all concerns can be referred. This person will be conversant with child protection issues. This name must be available at all events;
- 2) Ensure that all adults know who to contact at all times during an event;
- 3) Ensure that the 'Friends' Committee recognise their responsibility to maintain a safe environment for children and young people and vulnerable adults;
- 4) Ensure that all activities are properly supervised;

- 5) Ensure that any visiting external organisation is aware of its responsibilities with regard to safeguarding;
- 6) Ensure that it has a robust child and vulnerable adult protection policy of its own;
- 7) Recognise that parents/guardians should always be involved in the monitoring of children's behaviour or development and should be the first point of contact, except in the case of suspected abuse;
- 8) Expect children or vulnerable adults to be accompanied by a responsible adult
- 9) Provide activities within a planned curriculum that will enable children and vulnerable adults to develop an understanding of personal safety and enable them to express their fears and anxieties;
- 10) Ensure that any child or vulnerable adult protection concerns will be immediately reported or referred to the Friends' Group's named child and vulnerable adult protection representative and thence to the appropriate statutory organisation;
- 11) Pass any information to the appropriate body. The 'Friends' will not investigate any incident themselves;
- 12) Record all such incidents and this will be done by the 'named' child protection and vulnerable adult representative;
- 13) Co-operate fully with the statutory agencies during any subsequent investigation;
- 14) Review this Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy on at least a bi-annual basis from the date of this document.
- 15) Ensure that the policy is up to date and contains contact details for the Social Services and the Police.

Visiting organisations at any event

All groups, organisations, etc. who are invited to attend any event must have:

- 1) a valid insurance cover;
- 2) a valid DBS certificate;
- 3) These must be shown to the event organiser of the Friends of Fairy Dell
- 4) They must sign an agreement form to accept the Friends' Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection Procedure.
- 5) Any organisation which brings its own equipment such as funfair rides, Bouncy Castles etc., must have a valid Insurance and their own Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy prior to allowing patrons to use their equipment, whether or not a charge is made.

The named volunteers are: David Everitt, Jeannette Bowen

Contact details for:

Police: Emergencies 999; Police Station 326326

Street Wardens: 228500

Social Services Duty Team: 7266004

Signed (Chair)



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