



Fakenham Angling Club Safeguarding Policy

1. Policy Statement

Fakenham Angling Club is committed to ensuring a safe, supportive, and respectful environment for all members, volunteers, and participants, particularly children, young people, and vulnerable adults. We believe that everyone has the right to enjoy angling activities in a safe and inclusive setting, free from harm, abuse, or exploitation.

2. Purpose

This policy outlines our commitment to safeguarding and the responsibilities of everyone involved in the club. It provides guidance on identifying, responding to, and reporting concerns.

3. Scope

This policy applies to all members, volunteers, committee members, and anyone representing Fakenham Angling Club.

4. Key Principles

- The welfare of children and vulnerable adults is paramount.
- All members have a responsibility to act if they witness or suspect abuse.
- All concerns and allegations will be taken seriously and acted upon appropriately.
- We will respect the rights, wishes, and feelings of all individuals.

5. Definitions

- Child: Anyone under the age of 18.
- Vulnerable Adult: A person aged 18 or over who is unable to protect themselves from harm or exploitation due to age, illness, disability, or mental health conditions.

6. Safeguarding Responsibilities

- The Club Welfare Officer (CWO) is the designated person for safeguarding concerns.
- All members should be aware of this policy and report concerns to the CWO.
- The CWO's contact details will be clearly displayed at club events and on the club website.

7. Safe Practices

- Activities involving children or vulnerable adults must be supervised by responsible, vetted adults.
- No adult should be alone with a child or vulnerable adult where their actions cannot be observed.

- Consent must be obtained from parents/guardians for participation in events and for photography.
- Physical contact should be avoided unless necessary and appropriate.

8. Responding to Concerns

If a member has a safeguarding concern:

1. Report it immediately to the CWO.
2. Record the details clearly and factually (who, what, where, when).
3. Do not investigate or confront the individual involved.
4. The CWO will take appropriate action, which may include contacting social services or the police.

9. Recruitment and Training

- Volunteers who work with children or vulnerable adults will be subject to appropriate checks (e.g. DBS in the UK).
- The club will provide basic safeguarding guidance and encourage training for key volunteers.

10. Review and Monitoring

This policy will be reviewed annually or following a significant safeguarding incident or change in legislation. Members will be informed of any updates.

11. Contacts

- Club Welfare Officer (CWO): Marcus English - 07415972183
- NSPCC: 0808 800 5000
- Childline: 0800 1111
- Local Safeguarding Board: Angling Trust via safeguarding@anglingtrust.net or by calling 07301 088542.

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