



Protection Policy

Children and Other Vulnerable Persons

Recognised as a charity by HMRC Ref: XT33069

1. Statement of Purpose.

1.1. This policy is based on guidance contained in the Home Office recommended code of practice 'Safe from Harm' and is designed to safeguard the welfare of club members and visitors who may have a greater potential for being subjected to abuse than a typical adult. In accordance with the Home Office code, the policy defines a child as a young person under the age of 16.

2. Policy

2.1. This Policy highlights the fact that BCC is determined to ensure that all necessary steps are taken to protect from harm any potentially vulnerable people who participate in the club's activities. It establishes BCC's position, role and responsibilities and clarifies what is expected from everybody involved within the club.

2.2. The Club recognises its responsibility to safeguard the welfare of all vulnerable people by protecting them from physical, sexual or emotional abuse, neglect and bullying. Every potentially vulnerable person who participates in the activities of BCC should be able to participate in an enjoyable and safe environment and be protected from abuse. This is the responsibility of every person involved in the club. It is important to understand the issues involved and not to allow any embarrassment to interfere with judgement about any action to be taken.

2.3. The minimum age for club membership is 16, (or 15 if studying at secondary school year 11). All other children below this age attending club activities must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or person nominated by a parent or guardian. Club members may only bring children who are not members to club activities by seeking the prior consent of a trustee.

2.4. Bacup Camera Club will ensure that:

2.4.1. The welfare of the vulnerable person is paramount.

2.4.2. All members and visitors, whatever their age, culture, disability, gender, language, racial origin, religious beliefs and/or sexual identity, have the right to protection from abuse.

2.4.3. All suspicions and allegations of abuse will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.

2.4.4. All members have a responsibility to report concerns to a trustee.

2.4.5. All applicants for club membership must declare to one of the trustees any conviction, however old, for offences against children or other vulnerable people and current members who have made no such declaration must report any such conviction that has already taken place or which may do so in the future.

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