

APPENDIX 2

Gardeners Bowling Club
Gardeners Arms
Lovers Lane
Atherton

Child Protection Policy



The Gardeners Bowling Club fully recognises its responsibilities for Child Protection.

Our policy applies to all group members, other agencies and groups, and volunteers working in partnership with The Gardeners Bowling Club.

A Child is defined as a person under the age of 18 (The Children Act 1989)

The Gardeners Bowling Club Child Protection Policy Statement

The Bowling Club has a duty of care to safeguard all children involved in any group activities or projects and to safeguard them from harm. All children have a right to protection, and the needs of disabled children and others who may be particularly vulnerable must be taken into account.

The Bowling Club will ensure the safety and protection of all children involved in any group activities or projects through adherence to the Child Protection Guidelines adopted by:

The Gardeners Bowling Club

The Bowling Club will ensure that:

- The Welfare of the child is paramount.
- All Children, whatever their age, culture, disability, gender, language, racial origin, religious beliefs and/or sexual identity, have the right to protection from abuse.
- All suspicions and allegations of abuse will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.
- All members. Partners and volunteers when working on community projects that involve the participation of children will have responsibility to report any concerns to the appropriate officer.

Policy Aims

The aim of The Gardeners Bowling Clubs Child Protection Policy is to promote good practice by:

- Providing children and young people with appropriate safety and protection whilst in the care of The Bowling Club
- Allowing all members/volunteers to make informed and confident responses to child protection issues.

The Bowling Club will

- Practice safe recruitment in checking the suitability of group members and volunteers to work with children.
- Raise awareness of child protection issues and the need to keep children safe.
- Establish a safe environment in which children can learn and develop through working in partnership in their community.
- Establish and maintain an environment where children feel secure, are encouraged to talk, and are listened to
- Ensure children know that there are adults in the group whom they can approach if they are worried.
- Ensure we have a nominated group member responsible for child protection.
- Ensure every member of the group (including other groups or agencies working in partnership with The Gardeners Bowling Club), and volunteers knows the name of the designated senior person responsible for child protection and their role.
- Ensure all group members, (including other groups or agencies working in partnership with The Gardeners Bowling Club) and volunteers understand their responsibilities in being alert to the signs of abuse and responsibilities for referring any concerns to the designated Bowling Club Committee person responsible for child protection.
- Ensure that a participating child's parent or carer have an understanding of the responsibility placed to The Gardeners Bowling Club for child protection, by providing them with a copy of The Gardeners Bowling Club Child Protection Policy.
- Make a record of and notify the parent/carer of any accidents, incidents or concerns about their child/children, even where there is no need to refer the matter to any other agency.
- The Gardeners Bowling Club promotes a positive, supportive and secure environment and will give any participating child a sense of being valued.
- The Gardeners Bowling Club expects participating children to adhere to a behaviour policy which is aimed at respect for self, others, the community and environment. The group will

ensure that any participant child is aware of this policy and that abusive behaviour is unacceptable.

- Participation of any child/children in any group or project activity will not be permitted without the written consent of the parent/carer of the participating child.
- Risk Assessment will be carried out prior to any activity involving participating children and any relevant and necessary health and safety procedures will be put into place prior to the activity being carried out.
- Photographs or videos of any activity involving participating children will not be permitted without the consent of the parent/carer of the participating child/children.
- Publication of any photographs and video recordings that has been taken with written consent will not be permitted without further written consent of the parent/carer after the photograph or video has been viewed and approved of by the participating child's/children's parent or carer.

Declaration

On behalf of The Gardeners Bowling Club we, the undersigned, will oversee the implementation of the Child Protection Policy and take all necessary steps to ensure it is adhered to.

Signed: Date:
Brian James - Chairman

Signed: Date:
Andrew Godfrey - Secretary