



Oliver's Battery Parish Council Safeguarding Policy

Oliver's Battery Parish Council is fully committed to safeguarding the welfare of children and vulnerable adults while they are engaged in any activity or event delivered by the Council. It recognises the responsibility to promote safe practice and to protect children and vulnerable adults from harm, abuse and exploitation.

Although the Council does not directly provide care or supervision services to children and vulnerable adults, it expects any children and vulnerable adults using its facilities or taking part in activities and events organised by the Council to do so with appropriate consent and the necessary supervision of a parent, carer or other responsible adult.

For the purposes of this policy and associated procedures a child is recognised as someone under the age of 18 years.

Councillors and volunteers will work together to embrace difference and diversity and respect the rights of children and vulnerable adults. This document outlines the Council's commitment to protecting children and vulnerable adults. These guidelines are based on the following principles:

- The welfare of children and vulnerable adults is the primary concern.
- All children and vulnerable adults, whatever their age, culture, disability, gender, language, racial origin, socio-economic status, religious belief and/or sexual identity have the right to protection from all forms of harm and abuse.
- Protection of children and vulnerable adults is everyone's responsibility.
- Children and vulnerable adults have the right to express views on all matters which affect them, should they wish to do so.
- Organisations shall work in partnership together with children, vulnerable adults and parents/carers to promote their welfare, health and development.

The Council will:

Promote the health and welfare of children and vulnerable adults by providing opportunities for them to take part in activities and events safely.

- Respect and promote their rights, wishes and feelings.
- Promote and implement appropriate procedures to safeguard their well-being and protect them from abuse.
- Support and supervise its staff, councillors and volunteers to adopt best practice to safeguard and protect them from abuse and to reduce risk to themselves.
- Require staff, councillors and volunteers to adopt and abide by this Safeguarding Policy and these procedures.
- Respond to any allegations of misconduct or abuse in line with this Policy and these procedures as well as implementing, where appropriate, the relevant disciplinary and appeals procedures.



- Observe guidelines issued by Hampshire Safeguarding Children Partnership and Hampshire Safeguarding Adults Board.
- Report any safeguarding concerns to Hampshire Safeguarding Children Partnership at <https://www.hampshirescp.org.uk/report-a-concern/> or Hampshire Safeguarding Adults Board <https://www.hampshiresab.org.uk/report-concerns/> as appropriate.
- Regularly monitor and evaluate the implementation of this Policy and these procedures.

This Policy and these procedures will be regularly reviewed:

- In accordance with changes in legislation and guidance on the protection of children or following any changes within the Council.
- Following any issues or concerns raised about the protection of children within the Council
- In all other circumstances, at least every three years.