



# Holcombe Moor Heritage Group

## Young Persons Safeguarding Policy

This policy applies to all members of the committee, all ordinary group members, all volunteers and participants of activities organised by Holcombe Moor Heritage Group and anyone working on behalf of Holcombe Moor Heritage Group.

### **The purpose of this policy:**

- To protect children and young people who are involved in Holcombe Moor Heritage Group activities. This includes the children of adults who take part in our activities.
- To provide committee members, society members and volunteers with the overarching principles that guide our approach to safeguarding and child protection.

Holcombe Moor Heritage Group believes that a child or young person should never experience abuse of any kind. We have a responsibility to promote the welfare of all children and young people and to keep them safe. We are committed to practice in a way that protects them.

### **Legal Framework**

This policy has been drawn up on the basis of law and guidance that seeks to protect children, namely:

- The Children Act 1989 and 2004
- The Education Act 2002
- The Education and Inspections Act 2006
- The Sexual Offences Act 2003
- The Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006
- The Protection of Freedoms Act 2012
- Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014
- Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015
- Serious Crime Act 2015
- Children and Social Work Act 2017- Information sharing: Advice for practitioners providing safeguarding services to children, young people, parents and carers: HM Government 2015
- Working together to safeguard children: HM Government 2018

### **We recognise that:**

- The welfare of the child or young person is paramount.
- All children and young people, regardless of age, disability, gender, racial heritage, religious belief, sexual orientation or identity, have a right to equal protection from all types of harm or abuse
- Some children are additionally vulnerable because of the impact of previous experiences, their level of dependency, communication needs or other issues.
- Working in partnership with children, young people, their parents, carers and other agencies is essential in promoting young people's welfare.



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## **We will seek to keep children and young people safe by:**

- Valuing them, listening to and respecting them
- Appointing a Designated Safeguarding Officer (DSO) for children and young people and a deputy.
- Adopting child protection and safeguarding practices through policies and procedures for members of the society and volunteers.
- Ensuring that no member of the society is alone with any young person, excepting the parents or legal guardians of that young person.
- Ensuring that all society activities are governed by appropriate risk assessments and health and safety procedures, creating a safe physical environment for young people.

## **Contact details**

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We are committed to reviewing our policy and good practice annually.

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