

Friends of Tividale Park

Safeguarding Children's Policy



This policy is intended to protect children and young people who receive any service from us, including those who are children of adults who may receive services from us. As an organisation Friends of Tividale Park believe that no child or young person should experience abuse or harm and are committed to the protection of children and young people and this policy is intended to provide guidance and overarching principles to those who represent us as volunteers or staff to guide our approach to child protection and safeguarding.

Friends of Tividale Park offers the following activities for children:

The aims of the group include the organising of events, projects and activities and to raise funds. To provide a friendly and welcoming community focus for people interested in the park and what happens to it. These events include (for example) a community or family fun day.

As a result of these aims our volunteers may come into contact with children when deployed as event stewards, tin collection, leaflet drops, or staffing stalls/ first aid tents in Tividale Park. It is acknowledged that

- Tividale Park is a public place and we have limited ability to influence others not in our direct control.
- As a group we do not come into contact with unsupervised children on a day to day basis.

Group Management DBS Checks

Some of our activities may therefore require adult participation of nominated group leaders / committee members to undergo DBS and/or police checks under the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006.

In accordance with our constitution, the Chair of Friends of Tividale Park along with an elected Child Protection Officer shall have (or undergo as appropriate) Advanced DBS checks. At all events Friends of Tividale Park will ensure as part of its risk assessment that an officer (either the chair or / and the Child Protection officer) shall supervise the volunteers during the event.

Child Safeguarding Declaration Form

All members will sign on a Child Safe Guarding Declaration and the declaration will be renewed annually.

Reporting of allegations

Friends of Tividale Park will take very seriously any allegations of impropriety on the part of any member of Friends of Tividale Park. Anyone who discovers anything amiss should get in touch immediately. The names of the people are stated on the safeguarding page of our website www.friendsoftividalepark.org.uk. Alternately please contact by email secretary@friendsoftividalepark.org.uk

Friends of Tividale Park will review the allegation and the likely risk to children and if appropriate, will consider banning the member from future events or revoking his or her membership or both, but only in full accordance with the constitution of Friends of Tividale Park.

Health and Safety aspects of safeguarding children

Friends of Tividale Park will carry out a risk assessment and then take steps to minimise all the risks to health and safety. An aspect of this Risk assessment will include Child Safe Guarding.

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Sufficient adults must be present at any event to enable one adult to deal with any emergencies while another adult supervises the children not directly affected by the emergency.

Photographing children:

People must be expected to have their photograph taken at many of our events and we reserve the rights to publish suitable photographs of those attending along with the names of members involved.

Other policies and forms:

The Safeguarding policy should be read together with the following policies and resources

- Friends of Tividale Park Constitution
- Friends of Tividale Park Health and Safety Policy
- Child Safeguarding Declaration Form

Legal Framework

This policy has been drawn up in accordance with the following

- Children's act 1989
- United Convention of the Rights of the Child 1991
- General Data Protect Regulation 2018
- Human Rights Act 1998
- Sexual Offences Act 2003
- Children's act 2004
- Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006
- Protection of Freedoms Act 2012
- Children's and Families Act 2014
- Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) code of practice- Guidance on SEND system for children and young people aged 0 to 25, from 1st September 2014
- General Data Protection Regulations 2018

This Policy was adopted on 12/06/2018 by resolution of the executive committee of Friends of Tividale Park

