

Ruislip Central Horticultural Society

Our Safeguarding Policy regarding Children and Vulnerable Adults

1. Statement of application

- 1.1 This policy relates to Children (those under the age of 18) and vulnerable adults who come into contact with the Society. This will usually mean: at public shows put on by the Society, any events (talks, meetings or trips put on by the Society) at which children and vulnerable adults may attend. This policy is designed to protect these groups from harm during Society activities and is to inform all committee members, members of the Society, parents of children, and attendees of events put on by the Society, as to their responsibilities and actions to undertake where concerns are raised.

1.2 The Commitment

The Society acknowledges its general duty of care to safeguard C&VAs and that these groups have a right to a safe and inclusive environment.

1.3 The policy applies to;

- The Executive Committee,
- committee members,
- society members,
- volunteers,
- visiting speakers or visitors playing any role in the society's activities
- parents of children coming into contact with the society and its activities.

1.4 Core Principles

The welfare of “the child” is paramount. The society will practice and acknowledge “the welfare of the child” equally and without discrimination.

2. Responsibilities

- 2.1 The Designated Safeguarding Lead for the society is Warren Reeves JP, telephone 07970500047. They are the central point of contact for implementing this policy and handling any concerns brought to them.
- 2.2 At all times, parents of children coming into contact with the society at any event are responsible for “the child” and must exercise supervision according to the child’s age and ability.
- All adult volunteers working at society events should work within “earshot” of other adults and use appropriate language when speaking to children. Adult volunteers should never be alone with a child (e.g. *there must always be two adults if they are with a child unknown to them*) other than their own or as a close relative, even with parental or adult family member permission.
- 2.3 Any concerns about or disclosures made by a child or other person about a child must be reported to the DSL immediately, or a committee member in their absence. A record made of any such disclosure and the course taken is good practice.
- 2.4 **Media and Photographs** – Any media reports or photographs taken or published which include children must have had the express consent of the parent or guardian or, where applicable, teacher.

Local Authority, Hillingdon Council, Stronger Families Hub call 01895 5560006, or email strongerfamilieshub@hillington.gov.uk

Contact the NSPCC on 0800 800 5000

Local Police: call 101 or 999

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