

Fowey River Camera Club

Safeguarding Policy

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Fowey River Camera Club is a social club for people who enjoy photography to meet together to learn more about photography, and to improve their skills, share our knowledge, and to have fun.

The majority of our camera club are mainly able adults, and is not a club solely for use by children or adults at risk. Our Constitution states that whilst we welcome members and guests aged 13 and over, those who are aged 13 -18, or those who are classed as an adult at risk, "for their protection all vulnerable people whether attending as a member or a guest must be accompanied by a parent or guardian who must assume full responsibility for them".

What is Safeguarding?

Safeguarding can be defined as protecting vulnerable individuals from abuse, neglect or any form of harm. Harm can come from adults, other children, or people working closely with these vulnerable individuals.

Safeguarding Children

A child is defined as anyone who is below the age of 18. This type of safeguarding is protecting them from abuse, maltreatment or exploitation, as well as preventing any harm to their health or ability to develop.

Safeguarding a child means you are identifying and protecting them from harm.

Safeguarding Adults

An 'adult at risk' is someone who is above the age of 18 and is unable to function cognitively or to adequately undertake basic day-to-day functions without the help or oversight of someone not impaired in these ways. They are unable to protect themselves from harm. One of the differences with safeguarding adults is that while preventing them from risk of abuse or neglect, they also need support maintaining control of their own lives.

Fowey River Camera Club Safeguarding Policy

- This policy has been drawn up on the basis of legislation, policy and guidance that seeks to protect children and adults at risk in England.
- To protect children and adults at risk who attend Fowey River Camera Club meetings from harm and abuse.
- We will review our policy and good practice annually.

We believe that:

- All members and guests, children and adults at risk, regardless of age, disability, racial heritage, religion or belief, or sexual identity have an equal right to protection from all types of harm or abuse, and/or discrimination. (Equality Act 2010)

Fowey River Camera Club will seek to keep children and adults at risk safe by:

- Valuing, listening to and respecting them.
- Recognising that all our attendees have the right to participate in our club activities in a safe, positive and enjoyable environment whilst at the same time being protected from abuse, harm, and poor practice.
- Recognising that this is the responsibility of everyone involved, in whatever capacity, at the club.
- Appointing a nominated safeguarding lead for children and adults at risk, and a deputy safeguarding lead.
- Our Safeguarding leads must have completed a safeguarding course.
- Making sure that children, adults at risk, and their families know where to go for help if they have a concern, and that we have effective complaints measures in place.
- Ensuring that we provide a safe physical environment for all our members and attendees, by applying health and safety measures in accordance with the law and regulatory guidance.

Our Procedure

- In the first instance, please report any concerns to our safeguarding leads or committee members.
- Any concerns reported to Safeguarding Lead or Deputy, or committee members, will be in confidence.
- All allegations or suspicions of abuse, neglect, harm and poor practice will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly, fairly and appropriately.
- If any inappropriate behaviour or language is displayed, especially towards visiting judges or vulnerable people, the offending member or guest will be asked by a committee member to leave the meeting, and must leave if asked.
- We will share any concerns and relevant information with agencies that need to know, and to involve the children, adults at risk, parents and guardians appropriately.
- Our Safeguarding procedure will be followed.

Contact details:**1. Safeguarding lead:**

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Signed: Jane Bell

(Safeguarding lead)

Date: 30th April 2026**Help:**

If you are in immediate danger call 999 and ask for the police.

If you can't speak, they will then guide you through their 'press 55' system.

Children and Young People (up to 18 yrs old)	
NSPCC Helpline	0808 800 5000
Childline	0800 1111
If you have immediate concerns or are worried about a child or young person's safety please telephone the Multi Agency Referral Unit (MARU) on	0300 123 1116
Adults (over 18 yrs old)	
If you're an adult experiencing abuse or neglect	0300 1234 131
Refuge's National Domestic abuse helpline	0808 2000 247
Men's Advice Line	0808 801 0327

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