Bucks County Beekeepers Association

Registered Charity No. 297335

SAFEGUARDING POLICY

This policy applies to all volunteers, members, partner members and board of trustees or anyone working on behalf of Bucks County Beekeepers Association
The purpose of this policy is to:

- Protect children and young people who are involved in BCBKA activities
- Provide volunteers with the overarching principles that guide our approach to safeguarding and child protection.

BCBKA believes that no child or person should ever 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:

- Children Act 1989
- United Convention of the Rights of the Child 1991
- Data Protection Act 1998
- Human Rights Act 1998
- Sexual Offences Act 2003
- Children Act 2004
- Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006
- Protection of Freedoms Act 2012
- Children and Families Act 2014
- SEND code of practice 0 -25 years H M Govt 2014
- Information Sharing HM Govt 2015
- Working together to safeguard children HM Govt 2015

We recognise that:

- The welfare of the child is paramount, as enshrined in the Children Act 1989
- All children, 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.

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

- Valuing them, listening to and respecting them
- Appointing a designated board member for safeguarding
- Adopting child protection and safeguarding practices through our procedures
- Recruiting volunteers safely
- Recording and storing information professionally and securely
- Using our safeguarding procedures to share concerns and relevant information with agencies who need to know
- Using our procedures to manage any allegations against volunteers appropriately
- Creating and maintaining an anti-bullying environment
- Ensuring that we have effective complaints and whistle-blowing measures in place
- Ensuring that we provide a safe physical environment for children, young people and volunteers, by applying health and safety measures in accordance with the law and regulatory guidance.

Contact details:
Trustee for safeguarding

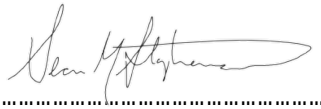
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We are committed to reviewing our policy and good practice annually.

This policy was last reviewed on……10th March 2021……

Signed Chairman: Sean Stephenson



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