

Adult and Children Safeguarding policy

This is the statement of general policy and arrangements for:



Overall and final responsibility for Safeguarding is that of:

Volunteers

Day-to-day responsibility for ensuring this policy is put into practice is delegated to:

Volunteers

Statement of general policy	Responsibility of	Action / Arrangements
To prevent situations arising that could impinge on safeguarding situations for adults or children engaged in activities with Shotley Open Spaces. This includes providing any transport to and from work activities.	Volunteers	All activities should be undertaken in a context of safeguarding for ALL participants, including those acting in a supervisory role. Transport for vulnerable adults and children must not be provided without appropriate accompanying family or professional chaperones.
To provide adequate training to ensure participants are competent to do their work and that all involved understand the boundaries of responsibility	Volunteers and Committee	For all activities, volunteers should be competent to do the work. Competance can be with formal training or having sufficient experience to do the work. Where necessary training should be arranged by the group committee.
To implement formal and informal strategies to protect volunteers participating in SOS activities	Volunteers and Committee	No activities should be undertaken on a one to one basis. In the case of children or adults with disabilities SOS cannot support volunteers without specific accompanying family or professional chaperones.
To maintain safe environments for volunteers and members alike.	Volunteers	All members should be aware of putting no one in a situation that could be regarded as impinging on their personal space or inducing feelings of discomfort regarding their interaction with others in the group.
Key principles of all our work should promote the absolute right of everyone involved with us, not only the young and physically or mentally challenged, to protection from abuse. Regardless of age, gender, disability, culture, language, race, religion, or sexual orientation.	All concerns or allegations of abuse must be taken seriously and responded to with the help of properly qualified professionals. Either within our own ranks or appropriate Police, Childrens Services or Schools.	
Signed: Shotley Open Spaces Chairman	Gary Richens	Date: 7 April 2019
Subject to review, monitoring and revision by: Chairman	Gary Richens	Every: Twelve months or sooner if work activity changes