



## **The Haycop Conservation Group**

### **Child Protection Policy.**

#### **Introduction.**

The Haycop Conservation Group (Haycop) is committed to the belief that:

- The welfare of the child and vulnerable person is paramount;
- All children will be in an environment that protects them and minimises opportunities for them to suffer harm;
- All children, young people and vulnerable people, whatever their age, culture, disability, gender, race, religion or belief, sexual identity or language, have the right to protection from abuse;
- Children are treated as individuals entitled to dignity & respect;
- All suspicions and allegations of abuse will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly & appropriately;
- We will seek to promote a positive ethos & effective partnership amongst all those involved with children, including the child's parents or carers, to improve children's welfare.

#### **Committee Members.**

All Committee Members & Trustees will be checked through the DBS (Disclosure & Barring Service) and will receive a full Enhanced Disclosure Certificate, to ensure they are suitable for looking after children, to comply with the Children's Act (updated 2004), the Care Standards Act 2000 and the Criminal Justice & Court Services Act (updated 2015).

#### **Other Volunteers.**

The Haycop Conservation Group aims to ensure other Volunteers and staff from other relevant organisations (e.g. Shropshire Setpoint), visiting Contactors & other people working on behalf of the Group, who do not currently hold Enhanced Disclosure Certificates, are accompanied by a Committee Member if working with or close to children or young people.



## **Risk Assessment.**

The Haycop Conservation Group undertakes Risk Assessments for the activities taking place on the Haycop site. During Volunteer activities, Committee Member(s) will supervise the work done and to advise on safe practices and the correct use of tools.

## **Accidents.**

Forms are sent to the Parents or Carers of young Volunteers asking for emergency contact details and any relevant medical information relating to the young person that supervising Committee Members need to be aware of. Mobile phones are held by Committee Members whilst on site for use in an emergency.

All Volunteers should make sure they know who to report any accidents or near misses to. This will usually be a Member of the Committee, of which there is always at least one who attends each event. Any First Aid needed will be provided, or arrangement will be made to get the Volunteer to medical attention or the closest A&E department as soon as possible.

*This Policy will be reviewed at least every 2 years.*

*Reviewed by G Pickwell: 19/03/2024.*

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