

# CASTLEFIELDS CANAL & RIVER PARK ASSOCIATION (CARP)

## Safeguarding Policy

Every person who volunteers with CARP should be able to participate in an enjoyable and safe environment and be protected from harm. With regard to its members; CARP recognises its responsibility to safeguard its volunteers and promote their welfare; particularly children and vulnerable adults, protecting them from physical, sexual or emotional abuse, neglect and bullying.

- It will be the responsibility of every adult enrolled in CARP to take all necessary steps to protect from harm those children and vulnerable adults who sign up as a volunteer.
- CARP will:
  - ensure it has a designated member, who will act as children and vulnerable adults protection officer.
  - ensure all members and volunteers know:
    - the name of the designated person; Dee Robinson
    - deputy is Deborah Smith
    - that they have an individual responsibility for any concerns about abuse to this person.
- All suspicions and allegations of abuse will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.
- As soon as an allegation is made the designated member will decide if the matter is sufficiently serious to be taken to outside authorities such as the police.
- All children under 14 years must have their parent / carer with them at all times.
- All young persons aged 14 to 18 years must have signed parental consent.
- The welfare of the child / vulnerable adult will remain paramount.

The Trustees  
Castlefields Canal & River Park Association (CARP)  
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