

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.

CARP will not publish any photos of children on the CARP website or other linked social media without parent or guardian permission.

- 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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