

Sustainable Arnside - Safeguarding Policy

Why it is important

Sustainable Arnside believes everyone has a responsibility to safeguard children and young people and to protect them from harm. Sustainable Arnside are committed to operating in a way that provides a safe environment for children, young people and adults at risk, whilst undertaking any activities that involve them. The committee will respond to any concerns regarding the physical, sexual, emotional or psychological safety of a person at risk, or concerns relating to discriminatory or financial violation or exploitation of a vulnerable person. Sustainable Arnside are committed to keeping all children and young people safe and promoting equality and anti-discriminatory practice. We recognise that some children are additionally vulnerable. Children are regarded as persons under the age of 18 years. A summary of the key legislation is available from nspcc.org.uk/learning.

What we will do

- Anyone who has a safeguarding concern will report the matter immediately to the designated safeguarding lead (DSL) and record the concern factually. The DSLs at Sustainable Arnside are: Helen Thompson and Alison Sandford.
- Children and young people that attend public events organised by Sustainable Arnside and Arnside Repair Cafe must be accompanied by a parent, carer or appropriate adult who will maintain responsibility for them.
- Any events organised for unaccompanied children or adults at risk would need to be supervised by at least one member or volunteer who holds a current DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) certificate. A copy of this certificate is to be shown to the Chair or DSL prior to the event. The certificate numbers will be recorded.
- The use of mobile phones and any digital technology to photograph children and young people without the explicit consent of the person with parental responsibilities is unlawful.
- All individuals who are working or volunteering with children, young people and adults at risk should:
 - Understand that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and that children, young people and adults at risk have a right to be protected from harm
 - Know who the DSLs are
 - Know how to accurately report a safeguarding concern
 - Know the signs that may indicate a person is at risk of harm
 - Show dignity and respect when working with children, young people and adults at risk
 - Have read and agreed to follow Sustainable Arnside's Safeguarding Policy

Monitoring, Evaluation and Review

- Sustainable Arnside Management Committee will annually review the safeguarding policy to amend and update policies and practice to ensure the continued improvement in the services provided.