

President: Richard G. Carey



Chairman: Elizabeth Howe

POLICY STATEMENT FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

The Oaks Driving Club believes that all children, young people and vulnerable adults should never experience abuse of any kind, i.e. physical, emotional, sexual, financial or neglect. We acknowledge our individual and joint responsibility to promote the welfare of children and vulnerable adults and to help keep them safe.

The purpose of this policy is to:

- Protect children and vulnerable adults when they participate in club events. This includes children and vulnerable adults who may be accompanying members to club activities.
- Provide our members and visitors with clarity about the overarching principles that guide our approach.

The Oaks Driving Club recognises that the welfare of the child is paramount, as enshrined in the Children Act 1989. That ALL children and vulnerable adults irrespective of age, gender, racial heritage, religious belief, sexual orientation or identity have a right to equal protection from harm.

The club will seek to keep them safe by:

- Valuing them, listening to and respecting them
- Ensuring our members understand the club's approach to the protection of children and vulnerable adults and its expectations of its members and their conduct
- Identifying and dealing appropriately should any evidence of abuse arise
- Sharing concerns with agencies that need to know, whilst involving parents, children and vulnerable adults appropriately

The Oaks Driving Club Committee is committed to reviewing this policy every two years.

Signed: *Elizabeth Howe*

Dated: 15th May 2018

Elizabeth Howe (Chair)