

Young Persons Protection Policy

Sheringham Skateboard Club fully recognises its responsibilities for child protection. Our policy applies to all staff and volunteers working on behalf of Sheringham Skateboard Club.

There are five main elements to our policy:

1. Ensuring we practice safe recruitment in checking the suitability of volunteers to work with young people.
2. Raising awareness of child protection issues and equipping young people with the skills needed to keep them safe.
3. Developing and then implementing procedures for identifying and reporting cases, or suspected cases, of abuse.
4. Supporting young people who have been abused in accordance with his/her agreed protection plan.
5. Establishing a safe environment in which young people can play and develop.

We recognise that because of the potential day to day contact with young people, volunteers are well placed to observe the outward signs of abuse. Sheringham Skateboard Club will therefore:

- Establish and maintain an environment where young people feel secure, are encouraged to talk, and are listened to.
- Ensure young people know that there are adults in Sheringham Skateboard Club whom they can approach if they are worried.

We will follow the procedures set out by the Local Safeguarding Children Board and take account of guidance issued by the Department for Education and Skills to:

- Ensure we have a designated senior person for child protection who has received appropriate training and support for this role.
- Ensure every member of staff/volunteers knows the name of the designated senior person responsible for child protection and their role.
- Ensure all volunteers understand their responsibilities in being alert to the signs of abuse and responsibility for referring any concerns to the designated senior person responsible for child protection.
- Ensure that parents have an understanding of the responsibility placed on Sheringham Skateboard Club and volunteers for child protection by setting out its obligations at meetings and via the website.
- Develop effective links with relevant agencies and co-operate as required with their enquiries regarding child protection matters.
- Keep written records of concerns about young people, even where there is no need to refer the matter immediately.
- Ensure all records are kept securely.
- Develop and then follow procedures where an allegation is made against a volunteer.
- Ensure safe recruitment practices are always followed.

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We recognise that young people who are abused or witness violence may find it difficult to develop a sense of self worth. They may feel helplessness, humiliation and some sense of blame. Sheringham Skateboard may be the only stable, secure and predictable element in the lives of young people at risk. When at Sheringham Skateboard their behaviour may be challenging and defiant or they may be withdrawn. Sheringham Skateboard will endeavour to support the young person through:

- An ethos which promotes a positive, supportive and secure environment and gives young people a sense of being valued.
- A behaviour and equal opportunities policy aimed at supporting vulnerable young people.
- Liaison with other agencies that support the pupil such as social services, Child and Adult Mental Health Service.

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