



# BAGS

*Bishopsteignton Allotment Growers Society*

*Michaels Field, Newton Road, Bishopsteignton*

## **Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy**

### **Aims**

Bishopsteignton Allotment Growers Society (BAGS) works with school, community groups and community members within the village of Bishopsteignton and is committed to promote safeguarding and the protecting of:

- Children, Young Adults and Vulnerable Adults
- Plot holders and their families
- Visitors and volunteers

BAGS will aim to ensure safeguarding practice reflects statutory responsibilities, government guidance and complies with best practice to protect all of the above further named in this document as All Persons.

### **Definitions**

Safeguarding is defined as:

- Protecting all persons from maltreatment.
- Preventing impairment of all person's health or development.
- Ensuring that all persons are in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care.

Child Protection is defined as:

Child Protection refers to the situation where a child is suffering significant harm, or is likely to do so and action is required to protect children, young adults and adults

### **Location**

All the plots are on level ground allowing access for people of all ages and abilities and is situated at Michael Fields, Bishopsteighnton.

Vehicular access is available as far as the pedestrian access to the site.

### **Protection**

BAGS is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare and interests of all persons who participate in allotment activities. We believe that:

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- All Persons have the right to be protected from harm whilst participating in activities taking place under the auspices of BAGS.
- All Persons need to be safe and to feel safe on the allotment site and to have a positive and enjoyable experience.
- All persons need support which matches their individual needs regardless of age, gender, religion or beliefs, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation or social-economic background, emotional, and educational needs.
- All persons have the right to speak freely and voice their values and beliefs.
- All persons must be encouraged to respect each other's values and support each other.
- All members of BAGS committee have an important role to play in safeguarding all persons.

## **Rational**

As part of the safeguarding policy BAGS will:

- BAGS will contribute to the best of its ability to the prevention of abuse, victimisation, bullying, exploitation, radicalisation, extreme behaviours, discriminatory views and risk taking behaviours and accept the responsibility to take reasonable and appropriate steps to ensure all persons welfare.
- Ensure everyone on the committee and those employed by BAGS understands their roles and responsibilities in respect of safeguarding and take seriously and sensitively any concerns raised by any persons concerning safeguarding and protection.
- Ensure appropriate action is taken promptly in the event of incidents/concerns of abuse or attempted abuse.
- Ensure all concerns of abuse and all aspects of safeguarding/child protection are related through the safeguarding lead, ..... or in their absence the Chair of BAGs to those organisations (police and social services) who have the lead and specific authority in the area. A non disclosure report will be kept with reference to this referral including the name of the specific authority contacted.
- Referrals of concern by any persons cannot be anonymous and it is to be understood that these referrals will be made in the knowledge that, during the course of enquiries, the individual who made that referral will be identified to interested parties and may be required to give evidence.
- Prevent the employment/deployment of unsuitable individuals by ensuring that all staff and volunteers who are or are likely to have unsupervised contact with children, young adults and vulnerable adults involved in BAGS activities have a recent (12 months) **Disclosure and Barring Service clearance**.
- A central single record is a document maintained by the BAGS chair/secretary which will demonstrate that committee members and helpers who are working with children and young persons have undergone appropriate recruitment and police checks. This document will be updated as and when required i.e. addition of new helpers working with children and removal from this document when they leave their service at BAGS.
- All groups i.e scouts will have a teacher or leader with the group who have an appropriate DBS clearance when they attend an activity on the allotment site. Proof of their DBS will be logged. Visitors who do not have appropriate DBS (Disclosure & Barring Service) clearance will not have sole access to children.

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- Visitors, groups to the allotment site are required to sign into the visitor's book and issued with a brief **safeguarding information leaflet**.
- BAGS will work in co-operation with appropriate authorities and will respond positively to any recommendations regarding the improvement of its safeguarding policies and procedures.
- This policy and procedures will be reviewed a year after development and then every three years.

**BAGS treats safeguarding as a high priority to ensure the safety, health and well-being of All persons (outlined at the beginning of this document) to the allotment site are given due consideration.**

**This policy is written in conjunction with the BAGS Health and Safety Policy and Risk Assessment of the allotment site.**

**You may also wish to view the current document Safeguarding for Volunteer Involving Organisations Guidance, which is available at <https://www.nsalg.org.uk/resources-and-downloads/individuals-and-schools/>**

John Parkes  
BAGS Chair

**This policy was agreed at committee meeting dated: .....**

**Next review is due: .....**

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