

NANTWICH CAMERA CLUB SAFEGUARDING POLICY

Junior members (under the age of 18 years old) are welcome at Nantwich Camera Club and the club is aware of its duty to protect children, young people and vulnerable adults (herein collectively referred to as “vulnerable individuals”) from harm within the environs of club meetings and activities. Throughout this document a child is defined as a young person aged less than 18 years.

Nantwich Camera Club accepts and recognises the responsibilities to develop awareness of the issues which may cause vulnerable individuals harm.

Nantwich Camera Club only accepts Junior Members and Vulnerable adults at its meetings and functions when they are in the care of a responsible adult.

It is normally the case that camera clubs do not display or capture indecent images at club meetings or outings. However, it is possible that suggestive images, or images that may cause distress, could be displayed or captured. It is the Nantwich Camera Club’s policy to always make an announcement beforehand when it is known that there will be images / material that may give offence.

Portrait sessions are sometimes included in the club programme. The taking of portrait photographs of vulnerable individuals is only permitted under the direct supervision of the parent or guardian. Acceptance of this Nantwich Camera Club Safeguarding Policy is part of the conditions of membership of Nantwich Camera Club.

Aims of the policy.

To demonstrate the commitment of Nantwich Camera Club and its members and visitors to provide and maintain an environment that protects vulnerable individuals from harm, as well as its members and visitors from potential allegations.

To ensure club members are familiar with the Nantwich Camera Club Safeguarding Policy and that they adopt child protection guidelines through a code of behaviour

To inform members and visitors that any concerns should be shared with a designated committee member (two Safe-guarders to be appointed each year, one male and one female) so that they can pass the information on to the appropriate authority

Behaviour Statement

Always:

1. Ensure that all volunteers and members of the club are aware of these guidelines.
2. Treat everyone with respect and provide an example you wish others to follow.
3. Ensure that all vulnerable individuals are accompanied to all meetings by a parent or carer and that they are present at all times, including club trips.
4. Ensure that another adult is present when you are in the company of young people / vulnerable individuals.

5. Always respect an individual's right to privacy.
6. Be aware of the possible implications of physical contact with other people.
7. Remember someone might misinterpret your actions and your comments, no matter how well intentioned.

Never:

1. Permit abusive activities (e.g. bullying, ridiculing)
2. Jump to conclusions.
3. Allow yourself to be drawn into any inappropriate attention seeking behaviour.
4. Show favouritism to any individual.
5. Make suggestive remarks or gestures.
6. Rely on "It could never happen to me", either when dealing with abuse or being accused of committing abuse.
7. Rely on your good name to protect you.

Action Statement.

If you suspect or are told that a vulnerable individual is at risk:

1. You must always refer – you must never investigate.
2. Write down the facts, as you know them.
3. Ensure the person is given the opportunity to talk to an independent person.
4. Do not approach a suspected abuser yourself
5. Provide support as appropriate and make it clear that you must pass on information to the Safe-guarder(s) and/or the appropriate authority.

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