

Deva Canoe Club

Safeguarding Statement

Deva Canoe Club is fully committed to safeguarding the wellbeing of its members and that all members can safely take part in the paddlesport activities organised and run by the Club and are protected from any form of bullying, harassment, discrimination and abuse. Safeguarding is recognised as a collective responsibility and all Club members should show respect and understanding for the rights, safety and welfare of others and conduct themselves in a way that reflects the principles of the Club.

Deva Canoe Club aims to support these commitments by:

- Having a designated Safeguarding and Welfare Officer and a Deputy Safeguarding and Welfare Officer who have completed appropriate training such as the Paddle UK's "Introduction to Safeguarding" eLearning course and also more specific training related to developing a safe culture in clubs such as the AnnCraft Adult Safeguarding charity "Safeguarding Adults in Sport – Creating Safer Cultures in Clubs" eLearning course.
- Aiming to prevent harm or act before harm occurs.
- Provide an environment where members feel they can speak to Club Officers about their safeguarding and welfare needs.
- Discussing safeguarding concerns with the individual concerned to gain consent where appropriate.
- Providing the most appropriate response to the risks presented.
- Work in partnership with Paddle UK, and emergency services where necessary.
- Ensuring accountability and transparency in delivering safeguarding.
- Providing a confidential process to enable members to report concerns regarding safeguarding (e.g. secure email monitored and accessible only by the Safeguarding Officers).
- Display on site and on the Club's website a safeguarding flow chart for members use about reporting safeguarding concerns, including bullying and whistle blowing.
- Club Officers, and club designated Club coaches who lead club activities such as river trips or Riverside groups, are recommended to undertake an Introduction to Safeguarding eLearning course. The Club President, Chairman and Secretary are recommended to undertake more detailed training related to creating safer cultures in clubs (e.g. the AnnCraft Safeguarding Adults in Sport – Creating Safer Cultures in Clubs" eLearning course).
- Club officers being committed to ensuring any concerns reported are taken seriously, responded to promptly and followed up accordingly to Paddle UK Safeguarding Adults Policy.

Adult Safeguarding information related to details regarding key legislation and types of harm can be found on the following websites:

<https://www.anncrafttrust.org/resources/safeguarding-adults-legislation>

<https://www.anncrafttrust.org/resources/types-of-harm>

Deva Canoe Club will reimburse the agreed cost of courses for Officers and coaches required or recommended within this Safeguarding Statement.

The Statement will be reviewed annually.

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