

Otter Valley Association

Safeguarding Policy Statement

Statement of Safeguarding Principles

The Otter Valley Association ('OVA') fully recognises and accepts The Charities Commission's Guidance 'Safeguarding and protecting people for charities and trustees' and commits to complying with the current Charities Commission's safeguarding guidance. In so doing we will comply with the multi-agency safeguarding procedures relating to children and young people and adults experiencing or at risk of harm, abuse, or neglect.

We are committed to:

- Promoting a safe environment and culture within the OVA by adhering to safe practices and policies and acknowledge the principle that safeguarding is everyone's business.
- Supporting all those volunteers with any responsibilities related to children, young people, and vulnerable adults within the OVA.
- Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation in accordance with the statutory child and adult safeguarding procedures.

We will ensure that any complaint made regarding a vulnerable person, who may have been harmed or is in significant danger, will be reported immediately and we will fully cooperate with statutory agencies during any investigation into allegations concerning a member of the OVA or any other person.

Safeguarding representative

We will ensure that there will be an identified person to be the OVA's Safeguarding Representative who will be suitably trained, and aware of their role and responsibilities, and who will be the point of contact for any concerns.

The OVA Executive Committee has appointed Paul Kurowski, as the OVA's Safeguarding Representative.

Review

This policy will be reviewed annually.

Date of Adoption

The Trustees of the OVA agreed and adopted this Policy at the Executive Committee meeting on 23rd April 2024.

Signed

Haylor Lass **Chair**

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