

GATEHOUSE LAKE ANGLING CLUB

Safeguarding Adults at Risk Policy

The aim of this policy is to promote good practice by ensuring that all Club members:

- Are fully aware of their responsibilities around safeguarding adults at risk.
- Safeguard and promote the interests and wellbeing of adults at risk with whom they are working.
- Respond appropriately to concerns.
- Take all reasonable and practical steps to protect adults at risk from harm, discrimination, or degrading treatment.
- Respect and promote the rights, wishes and feelings of adults at risk.
- Make informed and confident responses to protection issues.

This Safeguarding Adults at Risk Policy will:

- Offer safeguards to members, coaches, staff, and volunteers.
- Help to maintain high standards of professionalism and practice at all levels of the sport.

Our Policy (what we'll do)

We will:

- ✓ Value, listen to and respect adults at risk.
- ✓ Promote and prioritise adults at risk.
- ✓ Adopt the Angling Trust's safeguarding best practices through policies, procedures, and codes of conduct for all staff and volunteers.
- ✓ Ensure everyone understands their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding by appropriate learning opportunities to recognise, identify and respond to safeguarding concerns involving adults at risk confidently and competently.
- ✓ Ensure appropriate action is taken in the event of an incident or concern and provide support for the individual or individuals involved.
- ✓ Ensure confidential, detailed, and accurate records are maintained and securely stored.
- ✓ Prevent the employment or deployment of unsuitable persons by ensuring all necessary checks are robustly carried out.
- ✓ Ensure everyone has easy to understand up to date information so that they can know where to go for help or support.
- ✓ Review and adapt policies and procedures as required.

How will Gatehouse Lake Angling Club (GLAC) implement this policy?

- 1. GLAC has appointed a Welfare Officer following AGM on 20/03/2024. Both the Welfare Officer and Chairman are DBS certified.**
- 2. Gatehouse Lake is encircled by a flat well maintained perimeter path. All pegs are accessible for anglers with tackle barrows.**
- 3. Peg 20 is suitable for anglers with mobility limitations. It is next to the car park and provides an enclosed wooden platform with additional seating.**
- 4. Gatehouse Lake is a public space. It is managed by GLAC and Hutton Cranswick Parish Council. All development and maintenance activities are designed to provide a safe and healthy environment for both anglers and the general public. We achieve this by:**
 - a. Installing and maintaining high quality fishing pegs (GLAC)**
 - b. Providing a flat and well-maintained perimeter path (HCPC)**
 - c. Provision of 4 life rings (HCPC)**
 - d. Provision of a first aid kit in the net disinfecting station**
 - e. Provision of a WC facility for anglers – (however please note that as of 23/06/2024 access is by steps only)**
- 5. Contact details for all relevant regulatory bodies are prominently displayed on the Club Notice Board.**
- 6. Club rules are prominently displayed on the Club Notice Board.**
- 7. GLAC operates a zero-tolerance approach to the following:**
 - a. Foul and abusive language**
 - b. Coercion and bullying**
 - c. Use of illegal drugs**
 - d. Violent or threatening behaviour.**
- 8. The personal details of all members are kept securely by the Chairman.**
- 9. GLAC has procedures for incident reporting. GLAC use the official AT Incident Reporting Form. Copies are available from Welfare Officer and Chairman.**

How do GLAC monitor their performance?

- 1. Quarterly Committee meetings**
- 2. Annual AGM**
- 3. Live WhatsApp Group chat (committee)**

NOTE:

The term 'adult at risk' applies to someone who is over 18 years and is at risk of abuse or neglect because of their needs for care or support.

The policy and appropriate procedures will be widely promoted.

Further supporting policies, procedures and guidance can be found at
www.anglingtrust.net/safeguarding/policies/

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