

GATEHOUSE LAKE ANGLING CLUB

Safeguarding Young People Policy

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

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

This Safeguarding Young People Policy will:

- Offer safeguards to young people, 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 young people.
- ✓ Adopt the Angling Trust's safeguarding best practices through policies, procedures, and codes of conduct for all members and volunteers.
- ✓ Ensure everyone understands their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding by appropriate learning opportunities to recognise, identify and respond to safeguarding concerns involving young people 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 young people and parents have 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. GLAC has no junior members. All members with children under 16 are allowed to bring their children to fish. Responsibility for the child's welfare lies primarily with the parent who must supervise their child at all times.**
- 3. Memberships are offered from age 16 onwards. However, all members under 18 must be supervised at all times. (PLEASE NOTE THAT FULL MEMBERS ARE PERMITTED TO SIGN A DISCLAIMER/INDEMNITY FORM ALLOWING JUNIORS IN THE 16-18 AGE BRACKET TO FISH UNACCOMPANIED. THIS FORM IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST.)**
- 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**
- 5. Contact details for all relevant regulatory bodies are prominently displayed on the Club Notice Board.**
- 6. Club rules including rules for under 18's 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 “young people” applies to persons who are under the age of 18 years.

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

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