



Pocklington Canal Amenity Society

SAFEGUARDING POLICY

The Pocklington Canal Amenity Society (PCAS) is a registered charity and was formed to protect and restore the Pocklington Canal and to promote it as an amenity for everyone to enjoy.

Volunteers of the Pocklington Canal Amenity Society (PCAS) have a duty to safeguard vulnerable users at any PCAS events. This policy is in place to protect all vulnerable persons regardless of gender, ethnicity, disability, sexuality, religion, or faith.

Vulnerable users could include:

- children
- young people
- adults with learning difficulties or physical disability
- frail, elderly people
- carers

The welfare of the child or vulnerable adult is paramount. All children and vulnerable adults, without exception, have the right to be protected from abuse, whether physical, verbal, sexual, bullying, exclusion, or neglect.

Volunteers with the Pocklington Canal Amenity Society will never be expected to deal with any potentially vulnerable individuals without the presence of their parents or carers. No volunteer will have unsupervised access to children or vulnerable adults

Volunteers will never approach any vulnerable individuals unless requested by their parents or carers.

If volunteers have any concerns about children or vulnerable adults, they must immediately report this to their parents/carers and/or if appropriate, to the PCAS Safeguarding Lead. Volunteers will not investigate any concerns

All reports will be taken seriously and dealt with speedily and appropriately by the PCAS Safeguarding Lead. Advice will be sought from the CRT Safeguarding Team or local authority Child Protection and Vulnerable Adult lead agency should this be deemed necessary.

P/P Tim Charlson, Vice Chair

Paul Waddington
Chairman

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