

Ulverston Canoe Club

Child & Vulnerable Groups Safeguarding Policy & Guidance

Policy:

Ulverston Canoe Club recognises the need to safeguard the wellbeing of all of its members and in particular children and vulnerable groups. As such, all members are expected to be aware of and comply with this policy.

All members, prospective members and guests are expected to show respect and understanding for the rights, safety and welfare of others, and to conduct themselves in a manner which reflects the ethos of the Club.

All members should make themselves aware of and conduct themselves according to the policies and guidelines detailed in British Canoeing's website at the following url:

<https://www.britishcanoeing.org.uk/guidance-resources/safeguarding/policies-guidance-and-templates>

Club coaches and Activity Leaders are also expected to comply with the British Canoe Union "Code of Ethics" until British Canoeing issues an equivalent document. This Code of Ethics is available via the link below or may be downloaded from the Club's website.

https://www.britishcanoeing.org.uk/uploads/documents/British-Canoeing-Code-of-Ethics-2016_170913_134328.pdf

Guidance:

The Club has a Welfare Officer and Deputy Welfare Officer (details from any committee member or the Club's website) who are available to any member, prospective member or guest with any questions or concerns in the area of safeguarding. Members may also contact any committee member or British Canoeing directly - see below. Issues raised with British Canoeing will be dealt with confidentially and in accordance with British Canoeing procedures.

British Canoeing Safeguarding Officer* - Telephone 0115 8968842 or by email using safeguarding@britishcanoeing.org.uk

(* This function is provided by an independent external specialist (WT Associates) contracted by British Canoeing. If you cannot get through to someone straight away, leave a message and you will be called back as soon as possible.)

Additionally, in Cumbria we have access to our County Child Services team where the point of contact is one of the Local Authority Designated Officers who may be contacted as below. To speak to a LADO, contact Cumbria Safeguarding Team who will take your details and ensure a LADO returns your call. LADO working hours are Monday to Thursday 9am to 5pm, Friday 9am to 4.30pm; Telephone 01768 812267 or outside normal hours contact the Emergency Duty Team on 0333 240 1727

Alternatively you may download a LADO Allegation Notification Form by clicking here and send it to the Cumbria Safeguarding Hub, using any of the following methods:

Fax: 01768 812090 or by email: lado@cumbria.gov.uk

Post: LADO, Cumbria Safeguarding Hub, Skirsgill Depot, Penrith, Cumbria, CA10 2BQ

Please note if you are worried that a child is at **risk of immediate harm** please contact the Cumbria Safeguarding Hub on **0333 240 1727** or see [How to refer a child](#).

Declaration of Intent

This policy was ratified by the club committee and adopted as policy on 17 Aug 2019