

# Ringwood Canoe Club

## Safeguarding Policy

Ringwood Canoe Club is fully committed to safeguarding the well-being of its Members. All Members should show respect and understanding for the rights, safety and welfare of others, and conduct themselves in a way that reflects the principles of the Club.

Ringwood is principally an adult club, which has family memberships. Young people under 18 and vulnerable adults who take part in Club events are held to be the responsibility of, and therefore must be accompanied by, at least one adult Member who is either their parent or legal guardian, or who is otherwise legally acting on their behalf and so takes full responsibility for their safe supervision.

The Club believes that taking part in Paddlesport should be a positive and enjoyable experience for all Members and to help achieve this the Club expects Members to:

- be aware of and follow the Club Standard Operating Procedure and the British Canoeing Code of Conduct.
- be familiar with this Safeguarding Policy, be aware of and adhere to the British Canoeing Safeguarding Children Policy and Safeguarding Adults Policies
- understand that the Club will be guided by these policies and follow the British Canoeing Safeguarding procedure guidelines in the event of any safeguarding concerns being raised,
- be familiar with the Club Antibullying and Harassment policy (in CSOP)

In line with the primary principle the Club requires that:

- any paddler who coaches for the Club shall be a member of British Canoeing. The Club will encourage and support existing coaches and volunteers to gain and maintain qualifications and maintain British Canoeing membership.

If a DBS check is required, an individual will not be deployed by the Club until a satisfactory check has been received.

The Club has a Club Welfare Officer (CWO) whose responsibility is to keep Members up to date with the Club Policy to deal with any issues concerning Safeguarding.

- **The current CWO is: Lorna Adams-Jones**

Email [welfare@ringwoodcanoe.co.uk](mailto:welfare@ringwoodcanoe.co.uk)

Anyone with concerns with respect to the welfare of a Club Member or other participant in a Club activity, should, in confidence, contact the CWO in the first instance. If the CWO is unavailable, they may contact the British Canoeing Safeguarding Officer for advice. If you know of a safeguarding concern or allegation,

whether it has been disclosed to you by someone else, something you have witnessed or something that has been worrying you, don't keep it to yourself – always report the concern.

## **USEFUL CONTACTS**

**British Canoeing Safeguarding Officers** Tel 0115 8968842 email:  
[safeguarding@britishcanoeing.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@britishcanoeing.org.uk)

Safeguarding Manager-Cath Cooke 0115 6600197 email-  
[cath.cooke@britishcanoeing.org.uk](mailto:cath.cooke@britishcanoeing.org.uk)

For urgent advice the NSPCC Child protection 24 hour helpline is 0808 800 5000

The Club will review this Policy annually and as necessary to ensure contacts listed are current.

Signed: Cindy Buckley. Date: 28/6/22

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Signed Lorna Adams-Jones, Cindy Buckley, Simon Burke, John Connelly, Giselle Robinson