



## Child Protection Policy

## **Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy**

Soar Valley Archery Club believes that the safety and welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults, should always be of paramount importance.

The Grand National Archery Society (GNAS) accepts a moral responsibility to implement procedures to provide a duty of care for young people, to safeguard the well being of young people and vulnerable adults and protect them from physical, sexual or emotional harm and from neglect or bullying.

Archery and indeed all sports can have a very powerful and positive influence on people – especially young people. Not only can it provide opportunities for enjoyment and achievement, it can also develop valuable qualities such as self-esteem, self-confidence, leadership and teamwork.

GNAS is committed to providing information to educate those working with children and vulnerable adults adopt best practice to ensure the safety and welfare of everyone within the sport of archery.

The GNAS policy document has been written in consultation with the NSPCC, CPSU, Sports Coach UK, Sport England, British Gymnastics Association and other governing bodies, and is mindful of its obligations under various statutes, including:

- The Children Act 1989
- The Protection of Children Act (as amended by the Care Standards Act 2000)
- Protection of Children (Child Care Organisations) Regulations 2000
- The Charity Commission
- Department of Health Working Together to Safeguard Children
- Home Office Safe From Harm: A code of Practice for Safeguarding the Welfare of Children in Voluntary Organisations in England and Wales
- The UN Convention on the Right of the Child
- Human Rights Act 2000
- NSPCC and Sports Agencies of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland guidelines

Soar Valley Archers are committed to upholding and complying with the GNAS policy and have a designated Child Protection Officer ( CPO ) and a Deputy Child Protection Officer ( DCPO ).

Child Protection Officer – Elizabeth Gist

Deputy Child protection officer – Neal Brown

Soar Valley Archery Club is therefore committed to providing an environment where children, young people and vulnerable adults can learn and participate in archery free from:-

- Discrimination
- Harassment
- Physical-abuse
- Emotional-abuse
- Sexual-abuse
- Bullying.

Any concerns can be reported to either the CPO or DCPO, who will follow the soar valley archery club child protection procedures.

Currently 2 adult members of the club have been checked, cleared and issued with certificates to prove they have no criminal convictions or records ( Education status enhanced CRB ). These certificates can only be issued by the National Criminal Records Bureau following very thorough checks using various national databases on the applicant.

In addition to the above, the club currently has 2 first aid trained adult members.

All Young people must have completed a registration pack that includes a photographic consent form to be signed by a parent/Carer. This is to protect the club in a legal/insurance sense and ensure that the images are not used in an inappropriate manner. ( example - photographic images of young people are often digitally altered negatively )

All data will be stored and used in accordance with the Data protection Act 1998.

## **Child protection procedures**

### **In the event of a concern-**

- Complete an incident form - Recording is crucial for both the wellbeing of the Young person, any other concerning parties and the Club.
- Report to chairman/secretary – it is important that the people responsible for running the club are informed of any incidents/expressed concerns although the privacy of the both the young person and any other parties is to be respected. Where club officials are to be notified the Child Protection Procedures will be followed by either CPO or DCPO.
- Referral to GNAS CPO – upon deliberation the CPO & DCPO will decide if the incident needs to be referred to the GNAS CPO, at this time the GNAS procedures will be implemented by the GNAS CPO in close liaison with Soar Valley Archery Club CPO & DCPO.
- If a young/vulnerable person is in imminent danger of harm the CPO or DCPO or anyone over the age of 18 is obligated to inform the Police or Local Social Services/Family Support Services. Common Sense will guide you ( details below )

- Social Services Department  
3 High Street  
Coalville LE67 3EA  
Tel: 01530 275200.

- The Police - 0116 222 2222

**Sgt Darren Goodman (1093)**

**PCSO Nigel Ritchie (6647)**

Some other useful numbers –

NSPCC Helpline 0808 800 5000

ChildLine 0800 1111

[Child Protection in Sport Unit](#) 0116 234 7278/7280

**Please note – accidents are not Child protection issues, unless someone challenges the decision that it was in fact an accident.**

By Neal Brown 2008