**KIRKBY FLEETHAM AND DISTRICT ANGLING CLUB**

**Safeguarding Young People**

**Introduction**

Although the number of young people (those under the age of 18 years old) who are members of the club stands currently at only one, it is still necessary to have a safeguarding policy which reflects, and has assessed, the limited risks involved, as well as the safeguards necessary.

All anglers under the age of 18, as members or visitors, must be accompanied by a guardian whilst they are on the club waters.

A Guardian is defined as the young person’s parent or a nominated club member.

A club member, appointed as Welfare Officer, will be responsible for implementing these arrangements.

**Hazards,**

The foreseeable relevant hazards associated with Safeguarding are as follows

Getting lost or unsupervised; or otherwise, being at risk of injury or harm while on the clubs waters.

Distressed/disorientated.

At risk of criminal or sexual predator

Physical or verbal abuse

Exposure to dangerous or inappropriate behaviour

**Risk Levels and Control of Risks**

The Welfare Officer will ensure that Young People and their Guardians are familiar with these arrangements and take such steps as are reasonably necessary to comply with them.

That being the case, the risk levels are considered to be extremely low, but will be renewed as necessary according to the individual circumstances.

The club will also regularly review this policy and take account of any change in circumstances.

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