

Nature New Mills

Data Protection Policy



1) Definitions

Personal data is information about a person which is identifiable as being about them. It can be stored electronically or on paper, and includes images and audio recordings as well as written information.

Data protection is about how we, as an organisation, ensure we protect the rights and privacy of individuals, and comply with the law, when collecting, storing, using, amending, sharing, destroying or deleting personal data.

2) Responsibility

Overall and final responsibility for data protection lies with the management committee, who are responsible for overseeing activities and ensuring this policy is upheld.

All volunteers are responsible for observing this policy, and related procedures, in all areas of their work for the group.

3) Overall policy statement

Nature New Mills needs to keep some personal data about its committee, members, volunteers and supporters in order to carry out group activities.

We will collect, store, use, amend, share, destroy or delete personal data only in ways which protect people's privacy and comply with the UK General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and other relevant legislation.

We will only collect, store and use the minimum amount of data that we need for clear purposes, and will not collect, store or use data we do not need.

We will only collect, store and use data for:

- purposes for which the individual has given explicit consent, or
- purposes that are in our group's legitimate interests, or
- contracts with the individual whose data it is, or
- to comply with legal obligations, or
- to protect someone's life, or
- to perform public tasks.

We will provide individuals with details of the data we have about them when requested by the relevant individual.

We will delete data if requested by the relevant individual, unless we need to keep it for legal reasons.

We will endeavor to keep personal data up-to-date and accurate.

We will store personal data securely.

We will keep clear records of the purposes of collecting and holding specific data, to ensure it is only used for these purposes.

We will not share personal data with third parties without the explicit consent of the relevant individual, unless legally required to do so.

We will endeavour not to have data breaches. In the event of a data breach, we will endeavour to rectify the breach by getting any lost or shared data back. We will evaluate our processes and understand how to avoid it happening again. Serious data breaches which may risk someone's personal rights or freedoms will be reported to the Information Commissioner's Office within 72 hours, and to the individual concerned.

To uphold this policy, we will maintain a set of data protection procedures for our committee and volunteers to follow.

4) Agreement and Review

This policy will be reviewed every two years

Date of agreement: 11th March 2026

Committee members: Julian Ashworth, Jill Hulme, Hazel Body

Signatures:

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Data Protection Procedures

1) Introduction

Nature New Mills has a data protection policy which is reviewed regularly. In order to help us uphold the policy, we have created the following procedures which outline ways in which we collect, store, use, amend, share, destroy and delete personal data.

These procedures cover the main, regular ways we collect and use personal data. We may from time to time collect and use data in ways not covered here. In these cases we will ensure our Data Protection Policy is upheld.

2) General procedures

Data will be stored securely. When it is stored electronically, it will be kept in password protected files. When it is stored online in a third party website (e.g. Google Drive) we will ensure the third party comply with the UK GDPR. When it is stored on paper it will be filed carefully in a locked filing cabinet.

When we no longer need data, or when someone has asked for their data to be deleted, it will be deleted securely. We will ensure that data is permanently deleted from computers, and that paper data is shredded.

We will keep records of consent given for us to collect, use and store data. These records will be stored securely.

3) List of Members

We will maintain a list of members. This will include the names and contact details of people who fulfil the membership criteria described in the Constitution, who can vote at General Meetings, and who wish to receive publicity and fundraising appeals from Nature New Mills.

When people sign up to the list we will explain how their details will be used, how they will be stored, and that they may ask to be removed from the list at any time. We will ask them to give separate consent to receive publicity and fundraising messages, and will only send them messages which they have expressly consented to receive.

We will not use the mailing list in any way that the individuals on it have not explicitly consented to.

We will provide information about how to be removed from the list with every mailing.

4) Contacting volunteers

Local people volunteer for Nature New Mills in a number of ways.

We will maintain a list of contact details of our recent volunteers. We will share volunteering opportunities and requests for help with the people on this list.

People will be removed from the list if they have not volunteered for the group for 12 months.

When contacting people on this list, we will provide a privacy notice which explains why we have their information, what we are using it for, how long we will keep it, and that they can ask to have it deleted or amended at any time by contacting us.

To allow volunteers to work together to organise for the group, it is sometimes necessary to share volunteer contact details with other volunteers. We will only do this with explicit consent.

Lists of volunteers' names (and emergency contact details) attending certain events will be needed for health & safety and safeguarding purposes, and include an option to agree to publicity of photos including on social media. The list will be kept for 2 years, but the emergency contact details will be deleted securely immediately after the event.

5) Social Media

Nature New Mills administer a public Facebook group and a private Whatsapp group for publicity purposes, and to encourage exchange of ideas between supporters.

Users will request to join the Facebook group. People wanting to join the Whatsapp group will be invited to register by following a link. No-one will be added to either group without their permission.

6) Contacting committee members

The committee need to be in contact with one another in order to run the organisation effectively and ensure its legal obligations are met.

Committee contact details will be shared among the committee.

Committee members will not share each other's contact details with anyone outside of the committee, or use them for anything other than Nature New Mills business, without explicit consent.

7) Review

These procedures will be reviewed every two years

Date.....

Signature (Chair).....

Signature (Secretary).....

Privacy Notice

1. Who we are

We are Nature New Mills, and we're committed to protecting your personal information. This notice explains how we collect, use, and store your data.

2. The information we collect

We may collect:

- Your, or next of kin, contact details (name, email, phone number)
- Any relevant specific interests you want us to know about

3. How we use your information

We use your data to:

- Manage our membership and services
- Respond to enquiries
- Send news and updates (only if you've agreed)

4. Legal basis for processing

We process your data under one or more of the following:

- Your consent
- Our legal obligations
- Our legitimate interests (where appropriate)

5. Sharing your information

We do not sell your data, and will only share it if required by law.

6. How long we keep your data

We keep your personal information only as long as necessary for the purposes we collected it, or as required by law.

7. Your rights

You have the right to:

- Access the data we hold about you
- Ask us to correct or delete it
- Withdraw consent at any time
- Complain to the ICO if you're unhappy with how we handle your data

8. Contact us

If you have any questions or requests, please contact:

[Your Name / Data Protection Officer]

Email: nature.newmills@gmail.com

Address: **[Your Address]**