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Safeguarding Policy

Littlehampton Bonfire Society Child Protection Policy Statement:

Littlehampton Bonfire Society (LBS) Holds an annual Bonfire Parade with fireworks once a year which provides the local community with a free event and provides the opportunity for children, young people and adults, including people with disabilities of all ages to develop physical and communication skills including teamwork. The Society also attends other events in costume and fundraises throughout the year, again providing the opportunity for people to come together to have a good time and learn social skills, meet new people and experience planning an event for all to enjoy, while everyone is kept safe which is the Society's top priority.

Littlehampton Bonfire Society is committed to ensuring safe environments for children and young people including people with disabilities and believe that it is unacceptable for persons to experience abuse of any kind or be put at risk including children or people with disabilities. We recognise our responsibility as an organisation to safeguard the welfare of all our members including the above previously mentioned, by a commitment to recommend best practice which protects them.

This policy applies to our Committee members, Vice Presidents and all LBS members and any other volunteers involved within our organisation.

We recognise that:

- The welfare of all our members especially children and people with disabilities is paramount.
- All the above , regardless of age, disability, gender, racial heritage, religious belief, sexual orientation or identity, have the right to equal protection from all types of harm or abuse
- Working in partnership with guardians, parents, carers and other agencies is essential in promoting young people's welfare.

The purpose of the policy:

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- To provide protection for Children or any adult who may be vulnerable due to disabilities who participates in any of our events or fundraisers etc.
- To provide the Directors of LBS, Committee Members of LBS and volunteers with guidance on procedures they should adopt in the event that they suspect a child or young person may be experiencing, or be at risk of harm

We will seek to safeguard children and anyone considered vulnerable due to a disability by:

- valuing them, listening to and respecting them
- Sharing information about child protection and safe working practice with children, parents, staff and volunteers.
- Sharing information about concerns with agencies who need to know, and involving parents and children appropriately.
- The Littlehampton Bonfire Society has dedicated Committee members / Directors that have DBS Checks either through their work or for a personal reason. The current LBS Chairman / Event Commander in Chief holds copies of these. The dedicated members contactable details are kept on file and would be called upon to assist anyone flagged up as being vulnerable, or in the event a child's parent or guardian being either unexpectedly absent or where a safeguarding issue has been flagged up, the appropriate services would be called upon at the time.
- At each out-meeting or fundraising event LBS, where possible, will ensure that there is at least one member that has an DBS check that would be around if required.
- **LBS does state clearly as outlined within the Code of Membership / Code of Conduct that under no circumstances is any child under 16 or a person who is considered vulnerable by a carer or guardian or authority allowed to participate in ANY of LBS events or activities without a designated parent or guardian.**

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LBS will review this policy every two years to ensure that it complies with current or updated UK legislation or guidance. REVIEW CHECK 06/02/27.

Document Owner and Approval

The [Littlehampton Bonfire Society Ltd] is the owner of this document and is responsible for ensuring that this policy document is reviewed in line with the review requirements stated above.

A current version of this document is available to all members on request via paper or electronic copy.

This policy was approved by the [Board of Directors and Committee] on [08/02/2023] and is issued on a version-controlled basis under the signature of the Director: Barry Bastable of Littlehampton Bonfire Society Ltd.

Signature: B.Bastable

Date:08/02/2023

Change History Record

Issue	Description of Change	Date of Issue	Date to be reviewed
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