

**Moor Green Lakes Group
Safeguarding Policy
January 2018**

The Moor Green Lakes Group was setup to provide the practical management and conservation activities for the Moor Green Lakes reserve. The goal of the group is to promote interest and membership in the Reserve while recognizing the right of every individual to stay safe. An annual programme of work is agreed with the Blackwater Valley Countryside Partnership which defines activities to be undertaken by work parties consisting mostly of volunteers. This document describes the safeguards that are put in place for those volunteers - especially relating to vulnerable adults and children that may be participating in those activities.

Work parties are led either by Blackwater Valley Countryside Partnership Rangers or by Moor Green Lakes Group Volunteer Leaders. In either case volunteers must register on a task sheet providing emergency contact details. The task sheet also references risk assessments (copies to be held by MGLG secretary) for the Moor Green Lakes Site and typical volunteer activities. The task leader will provide a briefing on the planned work, safety, the use of tools and any risks for that day's task. The task leader has the right to refuse participation if they deem the attendee may be at risk or may put other volunteers at risk.

Moor Green Lakes Group welcomes children (anyone under 18) or vulnerable adults that are accompanied by a parent or responsible adult who will act as their guardian during the task. Having a guardian present ensures that there is someone who the child trusts and can turn to if they feel uncomfortable in any way. After attending a session with parents 16 and 17 year olds may attend unaccompanied with written parental permission. The Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) only requires certificates for supervising adults if a child under 16 is volunteering for more than 3 days in a 30 day period (or overnight). As Moor Green Lakes work parties are a maximum of two a month this is not a legal requirement for task leaders or guardians.

Anyone who, as part of their Moor Green Lakes volunteer work, learns or notices anything which suggests a child or vulnerable person is or might be harmed or abused, will pass on their concerns in the following way.

Contact the task leader for coordinating and getting medical attention on site

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Call 999 if needed

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Volunteers may contact Hampshire County Council for advice.

- HCC Adult Helpdesk - 01962 847214 (Monday-Friday 9am - 5pm)
- HCC Child Protection – 0300 555 1384

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Volunteers may also contact ChildLine for advice on 0800 1111 or email them by visiting www.childline.org.uk.

Duncan Clark
Secretary

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