

Safeguarding Report - Interim

Report

For period 27/5/2020 to 31/10/2020

Introduction

1. The object of Slow the Flow is to advance the education of the public in Natural Flood Management (NFM), Sustainable Drainage Systems and other renewable methods of managing the environment, including the exploration of alternative practices which safeguard the natural environment and its resources in a manner which best fits the specifics of a local geography.
2. Slow The Flow adopted a new Safeguarding Policy and Procedure on the 27th May 2020 which is aimed at ensuring the safety of children and vulnerable adults who attend our events or volunteering sessions. This Policy and Procedure is due for review on the anniversary of the last review, 27th May 2021. It was promoted on social media and is publicly available on our web site.
3. Further to the Safeguarding Policy and Procedure is our volunteer guidance, again, available on our web site.
4. One of our Trustees, Adrian Horton, is our Safeguarding Officer.

Activity

5. All Trustees contributed to the review and adoption of the Safeguarding Policy and Procedure.
6. Since the adoption of the Safeguarding Policy and Procedure there has been restricted activity due to the Covid-19 regulations and guidance from central and local Government.
7. We have held online meetings of the Trustees covering management, communication, and projects. We have also contributed to NFM forums with local authorities, regulatory bodies and groups, online conferences, and national and local media. We have promoted NFM on our web site and digital/social media in line with our communication objectives.
8. The likelihood of safeguarding concerns occurring during this activity is limited as the contact was remote and did not involve children or vulnerable adults, as far as we were aware.

Incidents

9. There have been no reports of any incidents concerning the safeguarding of children or vulnerable adults.
10. Our form of incident reporting is outlined below and will form part of our Annual Report.
 - a. Concerns tabled at our monthly management meetings when they occur.
 - b. Total number of concerns
 - c. Form of concerns – as described in our Safeguarding
 - d. Number/percentage of concerns arising from our events and volunteering sessions

- e. Number/percentage of concerns arising from our community but not directly relating to our events and volunteering sessions
- f. Number of referrals to safeguarding authorities in line with our procedure.
- g. Lessons learnt
- h. Concern reporting procedure

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