

# **Safeguarding Policy for Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults - St Merryn Rally**

## **Purpose:**

St Merryn Rally is a 2-day annual event, run by volunteers, for the display of various vintage and classic vehicles and equipment to the general public.

St Merryn Rally is committed to their duty of care for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and will:

- Protect all children, young people and vulnerable adults, who attend the St Merryn Rally from harm.
- Provide staff and volunteers, as well as children and young people and their families, with the overarching principles that guide our approach to child protection.

This policy applies to anyone working/volunteering on behalf of St Merryn Rally. Failure to comply with the policy and related procedures will be addressed without delay and may ultimately result in dismissal/exclusion from the organisation.

## **Policy Scope:**

St Merryn Rally is committed to safeguarding practices that reflect statutory responsibilities, government guidance and complies with best practice requirements.

## **Definitions:**

**The Children Act 1989/2004 definition of a child is:** anyone who has not yet reached their 18th birthday, even if they are living independently, are a member of the armed forces or in hospital.

**The Care Act 2014 defines an adult at Risk as:**

- A person who is over the age of 18 years, and
- Has care and support needs, and/or
- Is experiencing, or is at risk of, abuse or neglect, and
- Is unable to protect themselves because the care and support needs.

**Child and Adult Abuse:** Children and adults may be vulnerable to neglect and abuse or exploitation from within their family and from individuals they come across in their daily lives. There are four main categories of abuse: sexual, physical, emotional abuse, and neglect. It is important to be aware of more specific types of abuse that fall within these categories, they are:

- Bullying and cyberbullying
- Child sexual exploitation
- Child Criminal exploitation
- Child trafficking
- Domestic abuse
- Female genital mutilation
- Grooming
- Historical abuse

- Online abuse

**Safeguarding children:** Safeguarding children is defined in [Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018](#) as:

- protecting children from maltreatment.
- preventing impairment of children's health or development.
- ensuring that children are growing up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care.
- taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes.

### **Legal Framework:**

This policy has been drawn up on the basis of legislation, policy and guidance that seeks to protect children in England. A summary of the key legislation is available from [nspcc.org.uk/learning](https://nspcc.org.uk/learning).

St Merryn Rally will have in place arrangements that reflect the importance of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people as well as vulnerable adults.

### **Policy Statement:**

The policy will cover all children, young people and vulnerable adults who are in attendance at the St Merryn Rally in any capacity as follows:

- Recognition the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults is paramount in all the work we do and in all the decisions we take.
- All children, young people and vulnerable adults, regardless of age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex, or sexual orientation has an equal right to protection from all types of harm or abuse
- Recognising some children, young people and vulnerable adults are additionally vulnerable because of the impact of previous experiences, their level of dependency, communication needs or other issues.
- Working in partnership with children, young people, vulnerable adults and their parents/carers and other agencies is essential in promoting their welfare.

St Merryn Rally is committed to keeping children, young people and vulnerable adults safe by:

- Listening to children, young people and vulnerable adults by respecting them.
- Appointing a nominated safeguarding coordinator who will take the lead responsible for any issues during the St Merryn Rally.
- Writing safeguarding and protection procedures for the event.
- Making sure volunteers understand and follow the safeguarding and protection procedures in place.
- Ensuring children, young people and vulnerable adults, and their families are aware of the safeguarding and protection procedures and what to do if there are concerns.

### **Supporting Documents:**

St Merryn Rally has a set of procedures in addition to this Safeguarding Policy which include:

- Lost Child procedure
- Privacy Procedure

## Contact Details:

The Safeguarding Coordinator for the St Merryn Rally will be Ruth Tofton and will be on site throughout the Rally. However, all committee members/volunteers are to be familiar with the procedures in relation to lost children as well as potential safeguarding concerns.

## Confidentiality and Information Sharing:

St Merryn Rally expects all committee members/volunteers to maintain confidentiality. Information will only be shared in line with the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) and Data Protection.

However, information should be shared with the Local Authority if a child, young person or vulnerable adult is deemed to be at risk of harm or **contact the police if they are in immediate danger, or a crime has been committed.**

## Recording and Record Keeping:

A written record must be kept about any concern/incident regarding a child, young person or vulnerable adult with safeguarding needs. This must include details of the person involved, the nature of the concern and the actions taken, decision made and why they were made.

All records must be signed and dated. All records must be securely and confidentially stored in line with General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR).

**This policy will be in place during the St Merryn Rally event on 23 and 24 June 2023.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
ST MERRYN RALLY REPRESENTATIVE

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