

Allington Castle Archers

Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults Policy

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1. Introduction

This policy has been produced by Allington Castle Archers to support the club to enable children, young people, and vulnerable adults to enjoy archery in a safe environment within our club.

In the context of this document, any person under the age of 18 is referred to as a “child”. This policy also covers “vulnerable adults”, such as people with learning disabilities, or who may have difficulty communicating, or who may have to rely on others to provide personal care.

All archery clubs affiliated to Archery GB are required to have a formal child protection policy.

This document must be read in conjunction with the Archery GB Child Protection Policy.

2. Policy Statement

Allington Castle Archers will safeguard children and vulnerable adults who participate in Archery at our club from sexual, emotional, or physical harm. Allington Castle Archers will take all reasonable steps to ensure that appropriate guidelines are in place and monitored to ensure that all archers are able to practice their sport in a safe environment.

Allington Castle Archers recognises that the safety, welfare, and wellbeing of all archers is paramount.

Allington Castle Archers recognises that all children and vulnerable adults, whatever their age, culture, disability, gender, language, racial origin, religious beliefs and/or sexual identity, have the right to protection from abuse or neglect.

3. Responsibilities

3.1 Allington Castle Archers has in place a Child Protection Officer who will act as a channel through which all child protection matters must pass.

The Child Protection Officer has completed a recognised Archery GB (AGB) training course and will follow the Archery GB rules, guidance and any associated governance arrangements as pertains to the role.

For further details regarding the Archery GB Safeguarding Children & Young People Policy and Procedure, and the Archery GB Safeguarding Adults Policy and Procedure, visit this link which will take you to the main page of the AGB site.

3.2 Allington Castle Archers will ensure that any reported allegations, incidents, or suspicions will be taken seriously and will be responded to both swiftly and appropriately.

3.3 Allington Castle Archers will ensure that confidentiality in relation to any reported allegations, incidents or suspicions will be upheld in line with General Data Protection Regulations.

3.4 Allington Castle Archers will ensure that all coaches and mentors have a Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) check carried out. This helps to make sure that people, whose behaviour makes them unsuitable to work with children and/or protected adults, are prevented from doing so.

3.5 All club members are reminded that they all have a role to play in ensuring that children and vulnerable adults are safe.

4 Parents

A parent, carer or guardian must always remain present to provide constant supervision of their child or vulnerable adult. The responsibility for the care of that child or vulnerable adult remains with the parent, carer, or guardian.

5 Communication & Review

This policy will be held on the Allington Castle Archers website and its update communicated to members via Facebook and email communications.

This policy will remain in place for a period of 3 years from the date of publication.

This policy will be updated prior to the end of the 3 year period should circumstances, guidance or any enactment of law change