



Children and Adults at Risk Safeguarding Policy

This statement of policy and procedures applies to directors, members and volunteers of the Christow Community Land Trust (CCLT) and any activities which are the responsibility of the CCLT or which have been funded by the CCLT.

This policy is in place to protect all children and young people (meaning people under the age of 18) and adults who may be at risk due to, for example, their age, mental health, disability, illness, gender, race, religion or belief, sexual orientation, economic status or who may be unable to take care of themselves against abuse.

The welfare of children and young people and adults at risk is paramount and is the responsibility of everyone. All children, young people and adults at risk have the right to protection from abuse which can include physical, sexual or emotional harm, neglect or negligent treatment, maltreatment, radicalisation or exploitation. Abuse can take place in person or online, by any person (which could include by other children, young people and adults at risk or by people in position of trust).

All people associated with CCLT have a responsibility for the safeguarding children, young people and adults at risk.

The Board of Directors of the CCLT will make all reasonable efforts to keep their members and associates safe in the management and operation of the CCLT and its activities and projects.

The Board of Directors of the CCLT will ensure that all CCLT project volunteers are aware that the safeguarding of children, young people and adults at risk is the responsibility of the project group. Independent groups and individuals undertaking projects or activities that are sponsored or funded by the CCLT are responsible for their own safeguarding arrangements. If a member of a group has a safeguarding concern they should immediately inform the named safeguarding person of the relevant group or organisation. (See Conditions of Grant Funding).

All CCLT directors and members of CCLT project and activity groups are expected to be familiar with expectations of behaviour when working with children, young people or adults at risk:

- Respecting privacy and dignity at all times.
- Having sufficient personnel so that there are no occasions where the CCLT associate is in an isolated situation with a child, young person or adult at risk other than in a public area.
- Avoiding physical contact other than that necessary for the care of individuals and being aware of what is acceptable for them, for example by seeking their consent.

Acceptance of the CCLT Safeguarding Policy is part of the agreed conditions of accepting grant funding from the CCLT for community-based projects.

If any CCLT director, member or associate has concerns about the behaviour or actions of anyone associated with the CCLT they should immediately inform the named safeguarding person or the CCLT chairperson.

All concerns/disclosures will be recorded clearly and factually. The notified person may choose to have a confidential discussion with others in order to clear up any misunderstandings or to corroborate and support any suspicions before reporting a concern to the lead agency.

Named Safeguarding Persons	Maggie Bonnell 01647 252802 Penny Clapham 01647 253066 Tim Deane 01647 252915 Andy Wise andy.wise07@gmail.com
Chairperson	Corony Edwards 01647 253059
Children's Social Care MASH (Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub) Child Protection in Devon www.devon.gov.uk/childprotection Safeguarding Children Board www.devonsafeguarding.org	0345 155 1071 : 9 am - 5 pm Mon to Thurs 9 am - 4 pm Friday 0345 600 0388 : Emergency Duty Service email : mashsecure@devon.gov.uk
Adults at Risk Devon Safeguarding Adults Partnership	0345 155 1007 : 8 am - 8 pm Mon to Fri 9 am - 1 pm Saturday 0845 600 0388 : Outside of office hours email : csc.caredirect@devon.gov.uk

Any individual making a referral will be protected by the Board of Directors under whistle blowing procedures. Similarly, if the individual making the referral feels that insufficient action/follow up has taken place they should inform the Board of Directors without fear of repercussion.

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A copy of this policy will be made available to all CCLT members and will be displayed on the CCLT website.