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|  | **WEALD HARNESS CLUB** President: Mr Barrie LuckClub founded in 1977 |

**Policy Statement for the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults**

Weald Harness Club believes that all children, young people and vulnerable adults should never experience abuse of any kind, i.e. physical, emotional, sexual, financial or neglect. The Club, its personnel and committee acknowledge our individual and joint responsibility to promote the welfare of children and vulnerable adults and to help keep them safe.

With having a policy, the Club wishes to:

* Protect children and vulnerable adults when they participate in club events. This also includes children and vulnerable adults who may accompany members to club activities.
* Provide the Club members and visitors with clarity about the principals that guide our approach.

The Weald Harness Club recognises that the welfare of the child is paramount, as enshrined in the Children Act 1989, that all children and vulnerable adults irrespective of age, gender, racial heritage, religion, sexual orientation or identity have a right to equal protection from harm.

The Club will seek to keep children and vulnerable adults safe by:

* Valuing them, listening to and respecting them
* Ensuring the Club members understand the Club’s approach to the protection of children and vulnerable adults and its expectations of its members and their conduct
* Identifying and dealing appropriately should any evidence of abuse arise
* Sharing concerns with agencies that need to know, whilst involving parents, children and vulnerable adults appropriately.

The Weald Harness Club Committee is committed to reviewing this policy on a regular basis.

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Mrs Jane E M Lamb, Safeguarding Officer