



# Shiplake Vikings Rowing Club

## Safeguarding & Protecting Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy (2018)

Shiplake Vikings Rowing Club (SVRC) endorses and has adopted British Rowing's

- Safeguarding and Protecting Children's Policy (2013),
- Adults at Risk policy (2013),
- Code of Conduct,
- Rowsafe: A Guide to Good Practice (2017),

as well as the NSPCC Best Practice in Safeguarding.

The club will ensure that all children and vulnerable adult members at the club are safe and that their physical and mental health are paramount at all times. All club and committee members have an obligation to read the above documents and confirm that they have done so to the Club Welfare Officer.

SVRC will follow the above policies and procedures and will provide a safe environment for children and vulnerable adults, enabling them to participate and enjoy rowing to the level they wish to achieve. Whatever their age, culture, disability, gender, racial origin, religious belief and/sexual identity, they should feel protected from bullying as well as physical and mental abuse. The children's needs are paramount. All rowers, coaches, volunteers and anyone involved with SVRC have a duty of care to safeguard the welfare of the children and act upon any reported suspicions of their abuse.

The Welfare Officer of SVRC will ensure Codes of Conduct, Safeguarding Policies as well as an Annual Audit will be undertaken and outcomes visible to all at the club.

The club's Safeguarding Board lists the contact numbers of the Club Chairman and the Club Welfare Officer. These include photographs and are clearly visible so that children and those reporting suspicions of abuse can easily identify these role holders.

Any child, adult or parent who has any safeguarding concerns should discuss their concerns in confidence with the Club Chairman or Welfare Officer. Any concerns raised will be dealt with promptly and effectively according to British Rowing Guidelines (2013). In the absence of the Club Welfare Officer, any concerns should be directed to Club Chairman in the next instance.

## SVRC Contact Numbers for Safeguarding:

Club Chairman: Ken Graham

Tel: 07887 643642

Email: chairman@svrc.club

Club Welfare Officer: Nicola Lee

Tel 0797 4012652

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## Useful Links

[www.britishrowing.org](http://www.britishrowing.org)

[www.britishrowing.org/about-us/safeguarding](http://www.britishrowing.org/about-us/safeguarding)

[www.britishrowing.org/codeofconduct](http://www.britishrowing.org/codeofconduct)

[www.britishrowing.org/about-us/policiesguidelines/rowsafe](http://www.britishrowing.org/about-us/policiesguidelines/rowsafe)

[www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/safeguarding](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/safeguarding)

**NSPCC**

[www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)

