

Child Protection and Safeguarding Statement

Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust takes child protection and safeguarding very seriously. Each year we work with and encounter thousands of people of all ages and we strive to ensure that all our staff are aware of their duty in terms of child protection and safeguarding. So too our volunteers who support our public engagement work. We ensure that all the necessary Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks are carried out on a 3 yearly basis and regularly provide updates and training.

Each year we review our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy based on the latest Government advice and in light of any issues or incidents that may have occurred. We have a Safeguarding and Child Protection Committee made up from representatives from across the staff, plus a Trustee. The Committee leads on the annual review of the Policy and reports back to the Trust's Council.

We have trained Designated Safeguarding Leads, who are the primary point of contact for staff, volunteers or members of the public who have safeguarding or child protection concerns:

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Should you require any further information about the Trust's Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy, please get in touch via Alison.Fowler@hiwwt.org.uk or call 01489 774400.