

Gipping Riding Society

Safeguarding Policy

Gipping Riding Society (GRS) fully accepts its legal and moral obligation to ensure all children, young people and adults at risk are safeguarded from harm and abuse; irrespective of differences in personal characteristics.

Gipping Riding Society has adopted and operates within the British Equestrian Federation's guidance, ethical framework and Safeguarding Policy (www.bef.co.uk)

Gipping Society will:

- Appoint a trained and qualified Safeguarding Officer
- Ensure the welfare of young people and adults at risk is paramount.
- Take all reasonable, practical steps to protect children and adults at risk.
- Ensure robust, effective safeguarding arrangements and procedures are in place.
- Ensure everyone understands their roles and responsibilities in respect of safeguarding.
- Promote the BEF's guidelines for Good Practice and avoid Poor Practice.
- In the event of a disclosure, concern or incident, ensure appropriate action is taken.
- Treat any disclosure, concern or incident seriously and act promptly.
- Maintain and store securely any details relating to safeguarding incidents.
- Whenever possible, use an Accredited Coach to train children and adults at risk.
- Publish the current policy on the club website
www.gippingridingsociety.com

The Safeguarding Officer for Gipping Riding Society is Anne Gayfer (07518701849) Her role includes: keeping her knowledge and qualifications up to date, being the first point of contact for any issues relating to safeguarding, following the BEF Safeguarding Policy and practices, responding swiftly to any concerns involving children or adults at risk, informing the BHS Lead Safeguarding Officer about safeguarding issues, compiling and appropriately handling factual, relevant and accurate information relating to concerns, ensuring information is only shared on a 'need to know' basis, advising committee members and event organisers and actively being involved in the review of this policy

Policy Review

The Gipping Riding Society Safeguarding Policy will be reviewed every two years, or in the following circumstances:

- Changes in guidance or legislation

- As required by the Suffolk / Norfolk Local Safeguarding Children Board, British Horse Society or British Riding Clubs
- As a result of a significant change or event

Members will be informed of the outcome of the review at the AGM.

Policy written - November 2022

Signed by - Alison Nicholson (Chair)

and

Anne Gayfer (Safeguarding Officer)

Reviewed - February 2025

Next review due – November 2025

Further information and links

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BHS Lead Safeguarding Officer - 02476 840746