

SHARP



SEDFORD HISTORICAL AND
ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH PROJECT

Child Protection Policy Statement

Sedgeford Historical & Archaeological Research Project (SHARP) is open to all over the age of 16. Adult participants are welcome to bring their under-16 children to SHARP's activities as long as they (the parent/carer) remain responsible for the safety of their children at all times.

- The purpose of this policy is to ensure the safety of children who are attending SHARP events or educational visits.
- A child is legally defined as anyone under the age of 18.
- The definition of abuse is the violation of an individual's human rights. It can be a single act or repeated acts. It can be physical, sexual, or emotional. It also includes acts of neglect or an omission to act. In all forms of abuse there are elements of emotional abuse.

SHARP recognises it has a duty of care to safeguard any young person involved and will ensure the protection of all young people through adherence to this policy.

We will seek to safeguard children and young people by:

Requiring team members to sign to say they have read this Child Protection Policy Statement and promise to adhere to it. The conduct of adults who accompany young people must be appropriate at all times.

Together we will:

- Treat all young people with respect and dignity
- Provide an example of good conduct and acceptable behaviour
- Always work in an open environment. With the exception of the young person's designated responsible adult, no young person should be left alone in the company of another adult for any period of time
- Ensure that if any form of manual/physical support is required it will be provided openly. If a young person needs assistance of a personal nature, this support should be provided by the designated responsible adult only
- Avoid horseplay and inappropriate touching of any kind
- Seek permission of the young person's parent/guardian before taking their photograph
- Challenge all unacceptable behaviour. Allegations of sexual or physical abuse and/or where the child is in significant danger should be reported to the named safeguarding lead, the NSPCC, Social Services or the Police immediately.

If a young person discloses potential abuse to you:

Listen to what they have to say and do not ask leading questions. If you are uncertain about the best course of action, contact Norfolk Safeguarding Children Board for advice. Tell the young person what you are doing.

Helpline Numbers

Norfolk Safeguarding Children Board

- Children's Advice and Duty Service on their direct line: 0344 800 8021

Norfolk County Council's Customer Services: 0344 800 8020

NSPCC: 0808 800 5000 (for adults concerned about a child).

<http://www.nspcc.org.uk/>