

# **HIGHCLIFFE BOWLING CLUB**

## **NOTICE OF CHILD AND VULNERABLE ADULT PROTECTION POLICY**

**Highcliffe Bowling Club fully accepts its legal and moral obligation to exercise its duty of care and to protect all children and vulnerable adults participating in its activities, and to safeguard their welfare.**

**We are committed to do this by acknowledging that:**

- the welfare of the individual is paramount;
- each individual irrespective of age, gender, religion, race or disability has the right to protection from abuse;
- each individual has a right to be safe, and to be treated with respect and dignity

**We shall use our best endeavours to ensure that:**

- all allegations of abuse are taken seriously;
- the response to them is swift and appropriate;
- the effectiveness of our policy is reviewed annually;
- a responsible person shall be appointed annually as Child Protection Officer to whom members can address any concerns

**At all times:**

- Children under the age of 18 must obtain consent from Parents/Guardians using the appropriate form;
- Registered children aged 14 and over may only play when at least two Club members are present;
- Children aged 13 and under must be accompanied by a parent or known guardian;
- Vulnerable adults must be accompanied by a registered carer.

**Our Child Protection Officer is:**

Mrs Shirley Ambrose

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