

## **FRIENDS OF HADLOW ROAD STATION**

### **CHILD PROTECTION POLICY**

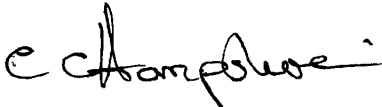
The Child Protection Policy has a two-fold purpose of safeguarding the children from abuse by another child, stranger, volunteer or other adult and, also, protecting the Friends of Hadlow Road Station's volunteers from false allegations of abuse.

- Children have a right to a happy, healthy and secure experience at the Friends of Hadlow Road Station's events.
- The Friends of Hadlow Road Station regards abuse of children as an abuse of their rights as set out in the UN Convention of the Rights of the Child.
- The risks of children being abused will be minimised through adopting preventive measures, good practice and putting the welfare of children as the foremost concern when planning an event and actually during an event at Hadlow Road Station organised by Friends of Hadlow Road Station.
- The Friends of Hadlow Road Station will to adopt the highest standards of professional practice in work with children.
- The Friends of Hadlow Road Station will be guided by Cheshire West and Chester Council's Child Protection Procedures, the Children's Contact and Referral Team (in accordance with the Protection of Children's Act 1999, Children Act 2004, Local Safeguarding Children Regulations 2006, Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000).
- Friends of Hadlow Road Station will ensure that existing and new volunteers:
  - a) are fully aware of this Child Protection policy;
  - b) are aware of the problem of abuse and the risks to children;
  - c) raise any concerns they have about the safety of children and/or behaviour of adults or other children with the Friends of Hadlow Road Station committee.
- The committee will act promptly to support and protect the child and if there are genuine concerns consult the local social service (01606 275 099 or Out of Hours 01244 977 277) or local police (0845 458 0000 or 999 in an emergency)

**N.B. It is not within the remit of anyone in the Friends of Hadlow Road Station to investigate allegations of child abuse.**

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**Approved and will be implemented:**

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