

# **Safeguarding Children and Adults at Risk**

## **Disabled Ramblers' Policy**

### **Policy statement**

Disabled Ramblers provides rambling activities for its members and the public, with an emphasis on facilitating access to the countryside for people with limited mobility. These rambles may sometimes include children and young people under the age of 18, and adults at risk, all of whom may be particularly vulnerable.

We are committed to ensuring the welfare and well-being of everyone who participates in Disabled Ramblers' activities, including our volunteer helpers. We welcome children and adults at risk to join our activities in a safe, caring and friendly environment on all activities suitable for them as individuals. We will take all possible practical steps to minimise the risk of harm, paying particular attention to the needs of those who are most vulnerable, including children and adults at risk.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. Each of our members and our volunteer helpers has a duty to do everything possible to prevent the neglect, physical, psychological, sexual, emotional or financial abuse of children and adults at risk with whom they have contact. Any abuse that is suspected or discovered by anyone participating in Disabled Ramblers' activities should be notified to the designated Safeguarding Officer, who will report to the appropriate safeguarding authorities as required and initiate such follow-up action as may be recommended. We will support fully our volunteers in their work to deliver our charitable aims and strategic objectives, including protecting them from potential liabilities and false suspicions and allegations of abuse.

This Policy and our safeguarding guidance will be reviewed annually and updated as necessary.

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