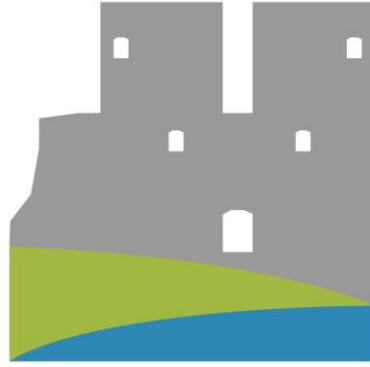




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A Safeguarding / Child Protection Statement

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INTRODUCTION

Rhuddlan Town Council is fully committed to keeping everyone involved with their initiatives and activities safe, particularly Children and Vulnerable Adults. The aim of this statement is to remind everyone of their responsibilities and how we work in partnership to keep everyone safe and free from any aspect of harm or abuse.

It confirms what to do if anyone suspects an individual has been subjected to or discloses that they or someone else has been subjected to any form of abuse or harm.

AIM

The aim of this Statement is to promote safe environments for everyone involved in Rhuddlan Town Council activities and ensure that they are protected from harm.

Many of the organisations and partners involved in Rhuddlan Town Council activities will have related policy and procedures in place and these need to be followed.

To remind everyone that this is a legal responsibility and there is further information and guidance available from the following :

www.gov.wales

Keeping Children Safe in Education 2020 KCSIE

Counter Terrorism and Security Act (Prevent legislation) 2015

Education Act 1986, 2002

Individual Local Safeguarding Arrangements Guidance from each Local Authority, etc.

The Care Act 2014 sets out 6 principles underpinning all safeguarding action:

- Empowerment
- Prevention
- Proportionality
- Protection
- Partnership
- Accountability

It also refers to 10 types of abuse:

- Physical,
- Sexual,
- Financial,
- Discriminatory,
- Psychological,
- Organisational,
- Domestic,
- Modern slavery,

- Neglect
- Self-neglect.

SCOPE

Rhuddlan Town Council is NOT registered or responsible for the care of “Children or Vulnerable Adults,” but is aware that Councillors and staff may visit groups where they may be directly or indirectly involved in Rhuddlan Town Council initiatives.

This may involve visits to pre-schools, schools or local community projects.

We, therefore, insist that our Councillors and staff have NO unsupervised access to any children or vulnerable adults during their visits. Also, that they follow individual organisation’s Safeguarding Policy and Procedures, eg signing in procedures.

Where Rhuddlan Town Council and associated Community Volunteer groups are working with Children (under the age of 18) and Vulnerable Adults, we would strongly recommend that the Children and/or Vulnerable Adults are always accompanied by a responsible adult or carer who is suitably trained and qualified.

School children who are involved directly in Rhuddlan Town Council initiatives at school for example, should always be accompanied by the appropriate number of staff. They will follow approved Health and Safety policy and procedures with appropriate risk assessments in place.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Rhuddlan Town Council may take photographs whilst they are on organised Rhuddlan Town Council visits, particularly whilst attending projects, events, celebrations, etc. However, they have been informed NOT to take pictures of any Children, Vulnerable Adults or Young people whilst on their visits without prior agreed consent.

We would advise groups to have written parental / guardian permissions that they give permission for their children to be included in appropriate Rhuddlan Town Council related photographs and where they can be used eg events, celebrations and or related Social Media.

REPORTING CONCERNS

Rhuddlan Town Council have a responsibility to know how to report any concern or suspected case of abuse. Similarly, we recommend group co-ordinators, leaders and volunteers are also aware of how to recognise and report any such concern.

If a child, young person or vulnerable adult is in immediate danger of being harmed, call the Police urgently on 999, giving as much information as possible.

If a child, young person or vulnerable adult confirms they have been or think they may be subject to any form of abuse, it is not Rhuddlan Town Council’s role to investigate or promise confidentiality or to offer their opinion.

It is everyone's responsibility to take appropriate action, which may include asking for the name and contact details of an organisation's Designated Senior Lead for Safeguarding, all schools and educational establishments will have a named responsible adult in this role.

Rhuddlan Town Council, Councillors and staff are reminded annually of their responsibilities in relation to Safeguarding and keeping Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults safe and free from harm.

This Statement will be reviewed on an annual basis at the AGM.

How to contact Rhuddlan Town Council

Please contact the Town Clerk if you have any questions about the privacy Statement or information the Town Council holds about you.

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