



# Greening Ashwell

IMPROVING SUSTAINABLE BIODIVERSITY IN ASHWELL, HERTFORDSHIRE

## Safeguarding Policy

**In line with Government policy the Greening Ashwell Group will ensure that the following safety guide lines are maintained:**

Where Greening Ashwell activities take place, adequate safety must be maintained including any premises or equipment that is being used.

No one should be treated less favourably than anyone else because of their gender, marital status, age, race, ethnic or national origin, religion or belief, disability or sexual orientation. People under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a responsible adult on Greening Ashwell voluntary activities. Those between 16 and 18 may attend unaccompanied with the consent of their parent or guardian.

The needs of vulnerable adults will be treated on a case-by-case basis. They may be required to be accompanied by a carer.

When working on Green Team projects follow any safety instructions and where appropriate a Risk Assessment will be taken by the Green Team Leader which must be fully complied with by all the team members.

Individuals however are still responsible for their own actions in behaving in a safe manner when engaged on Greening Ashwell activities and anyone found to be not adhering to instructions or otherwise acting in a dangerous manner or endangering, influencing others will be asked to leave.

Greening Ashwell is a community activity so that children are encouraged to become involved in the group's activities. The safeguarding of children is therefore of primary importance on all projects. Any child however un-accompanied will not be allowed to participate in Green Team activities.

Protecting children from harm is of paramount importance and they will not be allowed to participate in activities considered dangerous (i.e., involving saws, mowers, tree cutting) and safety zones will be maintained around such activities

All current Covid 19 restrictions must be adhered to when engaged on Greening Ashwell activities as set out in the Covid19 Risk Assessment Policy

For any clarifications or guidance that is not included in this bulletin, please refer to myself in the first instance as it is important all aspects of Greening Ashwell are undertaken in safe conditions and do not compromise anyone's health.

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