Safeguarding Policy for New Moon Morris

Date Adopted: September 2025

Review Date: AGM November 2026, unless otherwise necessary.

1. Purpose

This policy sets out how New Moon Morris will protect children and young people who take part in our activities. Our aim is to provide a safe, welcoming environment where children can learn, create, and enjoy themselves.

2. Principles

- The welfare of children is our top priority.
- All children have the right to feel safe, respected, and valued.
- We will take concerns seriously and act appropriately.
- We will work in partnership with parents and carers.

3. Code of Conduct for Adults

All adults involved in [Group Name] agree to:

- Treat children with respect and never use abusive or inappropriate language.
- Avoid being alone with a child whenever possible — ensure two adults are present.
- Use appropriate physical contact only when necessary (e.g., first aid).
- Never engage in private messaging or social media contact with children.
- Report any safeguarding concerns immediately.

4. Supervision & Safety

- Activities will be held in safe, public, or supervised venues.
- At least two adults will be present at every session.
- We will keep a register of attendance and emergency contacts.
- Parents/guardians are encouraged to stay during sessions, especially for younger children.
- A basic first aid kit will be available at all activities.

5. Parental Involvement

- We will keep parents informed about activities, times, and locations.
- Consent forms will be obtained for any off-site events, photos, or online activities if parent is not available.

6. Responding to Concerns

If a child discloses something or if an adult notices worrying behavior:

1. Listen carefully and take the concern seriously.
2. Do not promise secrecy — explain you may need to share it with someone who can help.
3. Record what was said/observed as soon as possible.
4. Report the concern to the group's Safeguarding Lead.

Safeguarding Lead: Sarah Ash

Deputy (if lead unavailable): Rebecca Capron

If a child is in immediate danger, call emergency services.

7. Review

This policy will be reviewed annually or sooner if guidance changes.

Signed: _____ (Safeguarding Leader)

Date: _____

Signed: _____ (Squire)

Date: _____