

# SHAVINGTON RANGERS FC

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## Shavington Rangers Safeguarding Policy

### STAYING SAFE Policy

Shavington Rangers Football Club has adopted the FA & Cheshire East Council's safeguarding policies as the basis for its safeguarding policy.

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### DEFINITIONS

Child: any person under the age of 18.

Vulnerable Adult: Adults, where vulnerable activities as defined by legislation take place.

### SAFEGUARDING POLICY STATEMENT

- 1.1 Shavington Rangers Football Club is committed to taking all reasonable precautions to safeguard the welfare of children and vulnerable persons in the Parish, and promotes a safeguarding culture and environment.
- 1.2 The welfare of children and vulnerable adults is paramount
- 1.3 All children and vulnerable adults have the right to protection from abuse
- 1.4 All suspicions and allegations of abuse will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.
- 1.5 All Committee members, coaches and volunteers have a Duty of Care to act upon and report concerns to the appropriate officer.
- 1.6 Individual Committee members, coaches and volunteers are not trained to deal with situations of abuse or to decide if abuse has occurred.
- 1.7 The Welfare Officer is the responsible person officer for implementing this policy and named person for Child Protection & Safeguarding within Shavington Rangers Football Club.

### 2. RESPONSIBILITIES

2.1 All Committee members, coaches and volunteers of Shavington Rangers Football Club must:

- 2.1.1 Understand and apply this policy and procedures in their activities.
- 2.1.2 Act appropriately at all times and be able to challenge inappropriate behaviour in others.
- 2.1.3 Be able to recognise harm and know how to report concerns in a timely and appropriate way.

2.2 All Committee members, coaches and volunteers Shavington Rangers Football Club must:

- 2.2.1 Encourage all parents, staff and volunteers to understand this policy.

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2.3.1 To ensure that Committee Members, coaches, volunteers and parents & guardians are made aware of what they should do and who they should go to if they are concerned that a child/young person may be subject to abuse or neglect.

2.3.2 Ensure that any concerns about a child or young person are acted on, clearly recorded, referred on where necessary and, followed up to ensure the issues are addressed.

2.3.3 The named person(s) will record any reported incidents in relation to a child/young person or breach of Safeguarding policies and procedures. This will be kept in a secure place and its contents will be confidential.

## 3. PROCEDURES

3.1 Shavington Rangers Football Club has no operating procedure as there are no operations to manage. However, the Club Welfare Officer will always refer allegations or suspicions to ([Cheshire FA and The associated LADO \(Local Authority Designated Officer\)](#)) for investigation if the Welfare Officer and/or Committee Members become aware of, or if they have concerns regarding a child/Young Persons Welfare. This could be from a disclosure, unexplained changes in behaviour or personality, becoming withdrawn, Unexplained Bruising, Seeming Anxious, becoming uncharacteristically aggressive, poor bond or relationship with parent. It needs to be noted that these are potential signs and symptoms, of which we are not professionals to make a judgement calls on. Should we have concerns, as per policy it should be reported accordingly to relevant parties and organisations.

The Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) is the person who should be notified when it has been alleged that a professional or volunteer who works with children has:

- behaved in a way that has harmed a child, or may have harmed a child
- possibly committed a criminal offence against or related to a child
- behaved towards a child or children in a way that indicates she or he may pose a risk of harm to children
- behaved or may have behaved in a way that indicated they may not be suitable to work with children

## 4. SHAVINGTON RANGERS FOOTBALL CLUB STANDARDS

4.1 Committee members, and coaches will be subject to DBS checks unless there is a change in their responsibilities. Any volunteers who are in regular contact with children may also be subject to DBS checks if advised and agreed by the Committee.

4.2 All volunteers should submit two references (including phone numbers) by reputable individuals (not family members) which the Club Committee must check/approve.

4.3 If Shavington Rangers Football Club becomes aware, or is informed of information from Local Authorities (e.g. Police, NSPCC, Social Services etc.) that an individual is not suitable to be involved with the football club, then it has the right to stop the individual from having any further involvement in any part of the football club and any of its activities.

4.4 An internal Risk Assessment shall be carried out by the club to ensure the safety and welfare of all the Children and Young People is of paramount a

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Chair of Shavington Rangers Football Club  
(Nev Tomkinson)  
Email address:- info@shavingtonrangersfc.co.uk  
Contact phone number:- tba

The following details MAY/MAY not be appropriate  
In the event of a concern Cheshire East Council provide the following Local contact numbers are:

Safeguarding of children concerns (Children living in Cheshire East)  
0300 123 5012 option 3 Cheshire East Consultation Service (Mon–Thurs 8:30am–5:00pm Friday 8:30–  
4:30pm) 0300 123 5022 Out of Hours Service  
Safeguarding of children concerns (Children living in other Authorities) Please add in relevant authority  
contact numbers  
Prevent referrals Tel: 01606 362147

Allegations against an adult working with children  
01270 685904/ 01606 288931 Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO)  
Police (Emergency) Police (Non Emergency)  
999 101