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## PAW Safeguarding and Vulnerable Adults Protection Policy

The purpose of this policy is to

- Protect vulnerable adults who engage with any aspect of Purbeck Art Weeks (PAW) Festival activities. This includes any vulnerable adult who visits our events, workshops or exhibitions.
- To provide PAW members, volunteers, Friends and Trustees with the overarching principles which guide our approach to safeguarding and the protection of vulnerable adults.

PAW is a charitable organisation, which gains its name from its annual visual and performing arts Festival once a year in late May/early June. The Festival celebrates the arts in all its various forms. Through concerts, exhibitions, talks and workshops, it seeks to inspire and support visual and performing artists to achieve their potential, involving people from across the community and encouraging everyone to participate and to enjoy a wide range of the arts.

Beyond the annual Festival, PAW provides a network for its artist members and offers year-round arts activities, some exclusively for its members, and other activities which reach out into the community to support and encourage engagement with the arts across the breadth of Purbeck. This includes creating links between community groups and practicing artists from all disciplines, so that people from throughout the community can directly experience workshops led by professional artists.

Where PAW facilitates such workshops and events within the community, it is only where statutory staffing levels and appropriate adult support is provided by the receiving organisation, or carers. Before a workshop can be confirmed, it is necessary for the PAW Trustees, or their representative (e.g, any member of PAW providing a workshop) to see evidence of the safeguarding policy and that any staffing levels, or supervision which would normally apply for that group will be maintained.

PAW believes that no one should ever experience abuse of any kind and take seriously our responsibility to promote the welfare and safety for all. We are committed to practice in a way that protects them.

- We recognise that the importance of the welfare of vulnerable adults, as enshrined in The Care Act 2014.
- Everyone, regardless of age, disability, gender, racial heritage, religious belief, sexual



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- orientation or identity, have a right to equal protection from all types of harm or abuse.
- Some individuals are additionally vulnerable because of the impact of previous experiences, their level of dependency, communication needs or other issues.
  - Working in partnership with vulnerable adults, their carers and other agencies in promoting the welfare of each individual.

PAW will seek to keep vulnerable adults safe by:

- ensuring that all trustees, members, volunteers and Friends are familiar with this policy and procedures
- passing information to the appropriate authority when one or more person is at risk.
- informing anyone associated with PAW that where a person is in danger, someone is at risk or a crime has been committed then a decision may be taken to pass information to another agency without the individual's consent
- endeavouring to keep up to date with national developments relating to preventing abuse and welfare of adults
- ensuring that the Designated Named Person understands his/her responsibility to refer incidents of adult abuse to the relevant statutory agencies.

NB. Procedures For reasons of consistency and practicality, Purbeck Art Weeks procedures for safeguarding vulnerable adults will be the same as those for safeguarding children and young people except where the law, or the specific circumstances of an individual's need require otherwise.

The Designated Named Person for Safeguarding children and young people in PAW is: Emma-Louise Grinsted (PAW Secretary): [secretary@purbeckartweeksfestival.com](mailto:secretary@purbeckartweeksfestival.com)

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Single point of contact for safeguarding concerns - Dorset County Council:

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Website: <http://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/child-protection-report-a-concern>

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Signed (Chair of Trustees): *Charlotte Heath*