



## Swindon Wheelers Cycling Club (SWCC)

### Safeguarding Policy

#### Children and Vulnerable Adults

- SWCC is committed to ensuring that children and young people involved can thrive and flourish in a safe environment and that all children, young people and adults at risk have a fun, safe and positive experience.
- As a cycling club SWCC has a duty of care and protection to both young people (under 18's) and vulnerable adults. SWCC is committed to implementing policies and procedures ensuring that everyone in the club accepts their responsibilities to safeguard children and vulnerable adults from harm and abuse. This means taking action to safeguard children and vulnerable adults and to report any concerns about their welfare.
- As a British Cycling (BC) affiliated club, SWCC is bound by BC policies relating to safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. These policies can be found here: (Page 231 for children and 243 for adults)  
[https://www.britishcycling.org.uk/zuvvi/media/media/press/BRITISH\\_CYCLING\\_2023\\_DIGI\\_MAG\\_SMALL2.pdf](https://www.britishcycling.org.uk/zuvvi/media/media/press/BRITISH_CYCLING_2023_DIGI_MAG_SMALL2.pdf)

You might be thinking **“What has safeguarding got to do with me?”**

Government guidance makes it clear that **‘Safeguarding is everyone’s responsibility’**.

#### **The following principles taken from the BC Safeguarding policy apply:**

- In the eyes of both the Law and BC: Anyone under the age of 18 is considered to be a child.
- The term parent is used as a generic term to represent parents, carers and guardians.
- SWCC has a Club Welfare Office responsible for good practice and child protection. This person is Bev Cejer who is contactable on [bevcejer@hotmail.com](mailto:bevcejer@hotmail.com)
- All those working with under 18's on a regular basis (i.e., weekly) must complete a BC DBS check. This includes the Club Welfare officer, Event organisers, Committee members, Coaches and Ride leads. DBS checks must be via BC and updated every three years.

- Additionally, the club highly recommends that every member of SWCC who is in a position of responsibility and has contact with U18's and vulnerable adults attend a safeguarding training session which highlights key points relating to safeguarding and protecting oneself. This is mandatory if contact with U18's is on a regular (weekly) basis. Three yearly updates are required.
- All personnel (parents, cyclists, coaches, leaders, club officials, senior and junior club members) to receive advisory information outlining good practice and informing them about what to do if they have concerns about the behaviour of an adult towards a young person.
- Any adult can become vulnerable (such as a mental illness or an unexpected negative life event) and needs to be dealt with sympathetically and in line with the BC safeguarding adults policy above
- Concerns regarding the welfare of either children or a vulnerable adult should in the first instance be raised with the club's welfare officer. In an emergency situation advice can be sought from either the Police or NSPCC Helpline (0808 800 5000)