

East Grinstead in Bloom (EGiB) Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy

The aim of this policy is to ensure the safety of vulnerable adults and children who engage with East Grinstead in Bloom (EGiB) activities and to provide EGiB volunteers with overarching principles to guide their approach to the protection of vulnerable adults and children.

EGiB wishes to ensure that all people who take part in its activities are safe and protected.

Policy Aims

- To ensure that all participants on EGiB projects understand that they are responsible for their own health and safety and protection and understand that EGiB committee members can provide only horticultural advice. Therefore, children and vulnerable adults working on EGiB projects must be supported at all times by their carer.
- To monitor the level of contact of EGiB committee members with children and vulnerable adults to ensure that the contact is infrequent and of low intensity and below the threshold of DBS check requirements.

1 Participation in EGiB Projects by Children and Vulnerable Adults

Participation in EGiB projects is informal and open to all local people who wish to help to beautify local outdoor spaces. Projects are advertised and members of the public are invited to help on a “drop-in” basis. Indeed, many projects are initiated by members of the public and run entirely by them under the umbrella of East Grinstead in Bloom, but without the intervention of East Grinstead in Bloom committee members, except to advise on horticultural matters.

All individuals attending are responsible for their own safety and wellbeing. EGiB requires, therefore, that vulnerable adults and children attend these sessions with a carer who will be responsible for their wellbeing and health and safety at all times.

2 The Role of EGiB Leaders/Committee Members

EGiB committee members should ensure that all those helping with EGiB projects e.g. an “It’s Your Neighbourhood” garden, adhere to this policy and understand that they are responsible for their own safety and wellbeing and that of any children or vulnerable adults in their care.

3 Awareness of a Safeguarding concern.

However, anyone may learn of a safeguarding concern or observe adults/children who are at risk.

The procedures below should be followed whenever an allegation of abuse is made or when there is a suspicion that an adult or child has been abused. All complaints, allegations or suspicions must be taken seriously.

a Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults

If it’s an emergency call 999

Otherwise, contact West Sussex Adults’ Care Point on:

01243 642121 (24 Hours) socialcare@westsussex.gov.uk

TypeTalk 018001 01243 642121

Write to Adults' Care Point, Second floor, The Grange, County Hall, Chichester, PO19 1RG.

B Safeguarding Children

If it's an emergency call 999

Otherwise, contact West Sussex County Council by using their online form or

Phone 01403 229900 (Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm)

If you require the Emergency Duty Team (EDT) outside of office hours please call 033 022 26664, or if this line is not available, phone 07711 769657. This number does not accept texts.

EGiB committee members will review this policy annually.

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Signed: Julie Mockford_____

Signed on behalf of East Grinstead in Bloom by Julie Mockford (Chairman)

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