



The Alde & Ore Estuary Trust Fundraising Flotilla 2024: Safeguarding Procedures

The Care Act 2014 defines adult safeguarding as protecting an adult's right to live in safety, free from abuse and neglect. The Children Act 2004 places duties on a range of organisations to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

Safeguarding requires people and organisations to work collaboratively to prevent and stop the experiences of abuse or neglect by training organisation officials to recognise signs of abuse and report it to the relevant officials. Under the Care Act 2014, local authorities have the lead role in responding to any safeguarding reports raised, while charity trustees are required to protect everyone who comes in contact with their charity from harm (Charity Commission for England and Wales 2019).

The Alde & Ore Estuary Trust (AOET) recognises that the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults is paramount. This policy applies to anyone involved with the AOET, including the board of trustees, volunteers, paid officials and event participants.

The AOET will not tolerate any form of bullying, harassment, or sexually abusive or exploitative acts against adults or children perpetrated by anyone involved in the AOET as event officials or participants. All involved with AOET will also promote the Equality Act 2010 – protecting people from discrimination and disadvantage due to the protected characteristics of race, sex, gender reassignment, disability, sexual orientation, religion or similar belief, age, marital or civil partnership status and pregnancy or maternity.

As a charity and event organisers, we will ensure that all those involved with the AOET and flotilla 2024 will adhere to The Alde & Ore Estuary Trust's safeguarding procedures (agreed working practices) as outlined below:

- Ensure all safeguarding procedures and measures are fit for purpose and up to date.
- All involved with children and vulnerable adults without supervision will receive the necessary DBS checks and meet the requirements.
- The AOET has a lead trustee for safeguarding and child protection: Elizabeth Stanton.
- All AOET officials will challenge any decision which adversely affect anyone's wellbeing.
- The AOET will manage allegations of abuse against someone involved in the organisation.
- All AOET officials will act with due diligence (taking reasonable steps to avoid harm).



- The AOET officials will guarantee that all voluntary and paid individuals associated with the flotilla will understand their role and responsibility in recognising and raising safeguarding concerns, with access to practical and legal guidance, advice and support.
- All involved in the 2024 fundraising Flotilla will be made aware of who to raise any safeguarding concerns with and be aware of the investigation procedure stages that follow.
- Ensure that all child participants aged between 12 and 17 are accompanied by a participating adult at Aldeburgh Yacht Club, Orford Sailing Club and along the route.
- Ensure that no photographs of children aged 12 to 17 are used without prior consent from a parent or guardian.
- Clearly communicate with participants who to report any concerns to during the event and take appropriate action – providing support and advice to those involved.
- Ensure that confidential, detailed, accurate safeguarding reports are made within the required timeframe and are securely stored in accordance with Safeguarding and GDPR guidelines.

