

## **POLICY STATEMENT**

The appointed leaders of Hungarton Camps take their corporate responsibility seriously to protect and safeguard the welfare of children and young people attending any of the camps organised by them.

As part of this, the appointed leaders are committed to:

- Listening to and relating effectively with children, whilst valuing them and ensuring their protection within all of the camps.
- Encouraging and supporting parents/carers
- Ensuring that all of the members and volunteers working on the camps are given support and appropriate training.
- Encouraging volunteers to be watchful for each other and report concerns to the appointed child protection adviser or their deputy.
- Ensuring that safe practice is maintained at all times.
- Having a system for dealing with concerns about possible abuse.
- Encouraging other organisations they work with to do the same. (That is – those invited to come in to the camps and run specific activities.)

The appointed leaders of the camps recognise that children and young people can be the victims of neglect, and physical, sexual and emotional abuse. Accordingly, the appointed leaders of the camps have adopted the Child Protection Policy contained in this document

As Part of this, the appointed leaders of the camps are committed to:

- High standards being maintained in all areas of children's work
- Upholding the principles set out in the children act 1989 and Home office code of practice - Safe from Harm
- Responding promptly and appropriately to allegations of abuse, including those made against leaders and volunteers on the camp.
- Good practice in appointing leaders and volunteers
- Helping victims of abuse

The appointed leaders of the camps, and those they are accountable to (The Leadership of Knighton Evangelical Free Church [KEFC]) will agree not to conduct their own investigations into allegations but will cooperate fully with the statutory and voluntary agencies concerned with child abuse.