



# Axe Vale Canoe Club (AVCC)

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Affiliated to Paddle UK



## Safeguarding Policy

Axe Vale Canoe Club is fully committed to safeguarding the well-being of its members. All members should show respect and understanding for the rights, safety and welfare of others, and conduct themselves in a way that reflects the principles of the club.

We believe that taking part in Paddlesport should be a positive and enjoyable part of children's/vulnerable adults lives and to achieve this have the following aims:

- **AVCC** adopts **ALL** Paddle UK Safeguarding policies and procedures for safeguarding their members.
- Club coaches **MUST** follow the Paddle UK Coaches & Officials Code of Conduct.
- **ALL** club coaches, helpers and officials working with young people and adults **must** read and adhere to the Paddle UK safeguarding policy. The club will follow the guidance of the policy in the event of any concerns or allegations.
- **All** coaches and regular helpers employed or voluntary, have been recruited following Paddle UK "Safer recruitment Policy" **and** fulfilled the relevant enhanced Disclosure Check.
- **All** club members are made aware of the Club Code/s of Conduct, annually, as a part of the membership application process.
- The club **will** obtain written medical details of child/vulnerable adult paddlers (on the AVCC Medical Consent Form) which will be made known to coaches where deemed appropriate and/or necessary.
- The club **will** only use Paddle UK qualified/updated coaches and instructors.
- The club **will** identify a person whose role it is to deal with any issues concerning safeguarding and notify this person to all members. Anyone with concerns in respect to safeguarding should then contact the named person or deputy in their absence. If that person is unavailable, they can contact the Paddle UK Child Protection Officer Paddle UK **Safeguarding Lead**.  
For anyone wishing to report a Safeguarding incident or concern:  
Tel: **0115 8655354\*** Email: [safeguarding@paddleuk.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@paddleuk.org.uk)
- The club will review this policy annually.

Signed .....Clare Herbert.... on behalf of Axe Vale Canoe Club

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