

Safeguarding Children Policy The Chandos Society of Artists

The Chandos Society of Artists is a not-for-profit organisation run by volunteers

It is based at Bridgwater Arts Centre, 11-13 Chandos Street, Bridgwater TA6 3DD.

The Chandos Society of Artists is managed by a committee, one of which with particular responsibility for safeguarding children.

The committee has adopted this policy and expects every adult working with, volunteering, helping or otherwise involved with the activities of the society to comply with it.

We believe that all children should be protected from harm and abuse whether they are members, member's children or any other child that come into contact with Chandos Society of Artists.

Safeguarding Children

There are three types of activities involving children:

- 1 those open to adults and children of all ages (eg Exhibitions, Seminars, etc)

Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult over the age of 18 and is also responsible for taking the child home.

- 2 those for children accompanied by a parent or guardian

Two or more children accompanied by a lone parent must remain together so that they can be supervised by the parent.

- 3 those for unaccompanied children

Young people aged 16-17 may attend unaccompanied if they bring written consent and mobile telephone of one of their parents.

Disclosure and barring

If some activity requires a member of The Chandos Society of Artists to undertake DBS and /or police checks under the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 the cost will be covered by The Chandos Society of Artists.

The committee has nominated Jonet Middleton (Tel:07745 652748 Email:jonetmiddleton@btinternet.com) as the member to whom all matters relating to child protection should be addressed.

All concerns or allegations should be addressed to Jonet Middleton who will bring them to the attention of the committee. The committee will assess the likely risk to children and will consider banning the member from future events, revoking membership or both. The member will have the right to appeal.

Risks to children

Sexual abuse, Grooming, Physical and emotional abuse and neglect, Domestic violence, Inappropriate supervision by staff or volunteers, Bullying, cyber bullying, victimisation, self harm, unsafe environments and activities, crime, exploitation.