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Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Policy.

The aim of this policy is to ensure that all vulnerable adults are treated fairly and with Respect and that Bardwell FC (The Club) is able to develop high standards of Safeguarding, whilst eliminating incidents of poor practice and abuse.

The Club is responsible for setting the standards, policies and procedures that will ensure the safety of participants and secure development as players. The Club representative with the responsibility for the execution of this policy is the Club Welfare Officer, who is also responsible for Child Welfare at the Club.

The Club is committed to the safeguarding of participants in an environment which ensures that they are healthy, safe, enjoy the activities and achieve within them, are able to contribute positively and is supportive to their economic well being.

The Club will investigate and if necessary, report concerns relating to poor practice and/or abuse, whether they are physical, emotional or sexual in nature or involve neglect. In addition, concerns related to bullying will be reported to ensure that they are dealt with effectively. Where issues raised indicate the possibility of abuse the Club will contact other relevant agencies such as the CFA, CWO, the FA Case Managers, NSPCC, Social Services, and the Police depending on the circumstances and severity of any incident.

All those involved with the Club, have a responsibility to take action if the safety or welfare of a vulnerable adult is causing them concern and to report concerns to the Club Welfare Officer or, in his/her absence the Club Chairman. Coaches, team managers and those undertaking to facilitate football for Vulnerable Adults have an extra responsibility to take action and to ensure adequate safeguarding is in place at all times and that there are sufficient numbers of people available to do this.

The Club defines a *VULNERABLE ADULT* as a person who is, or may be, in need of extra support because they are elderly, may have a learning disability, physical disability, sensory impairment or mental health problem and who is, or may be, unable to take care of themselves or be unable to protect themselves against harm.

The forms of abuse that the Club will be addressing include:

Physical – including hitting, slapping and punching.

Sexual - including rape, and act of sexual acts to which the person has not consented.

Emotional/psychological – including threats and humiliation.

Financial - tricking the person out of money or stealing.

Neglect – such as leaving someone without adequate food, suitable clothing or taking care of personal needs.



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The F.A, Regional Police and County Councils will be contacted to ensure that the Club Welfare Officer understands their recommended procedures to ensure any abuse stops and will not happen again.

All information will be treated as confidential. There can be occasions when some information will need to be shared with appropriate agencies, when it is in the best interests of a vulnerable person, or the protection of the public.

CONTACT NUMBERS –

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Oxfordshire Social & Community Services	Tel 0845 050 7666
Thames Valley Police	Tel 0845 850 5505
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