

The Friends of Bank Hall

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

The Friends of Bank Hall (FBH) is a voluntary organisation affiliated to The Heritage Trust for the North West. It is also seeking its own registration as an independent Charity. The Friends Group is a successor organisation to the Bank Hall Action Group and will be responsible for operating the site and the public areas at Bank Hall on behalf of the Heritage Trust for the North West.

FBH recognises that it has a limited responsibility concerning the protection of children on the site.

1) The site is only open to the public on certain "Open Days" during the year and certain areas, particularly the Grounds, may be open more frequently in due course. Any one accessing the site at any other times (other than "Members of FBH"; Representatives of the Lilford Estate or HTNW; Contractors arranged by FBH, Lilford Estates or HTNW; pre-arranged representatives and students of the University of Central Lancashire or any other academic Institution or pre-arranged 'Ad Hoc' visits arranged by FBH, Lilford Estates & HTNW), will be trespassing and as such FBH will not be responsible for any child or other person who is not authorised to be on the site.

2) The University of Central Lancashire will be solely responsible for any students it brings to or allows access to the site. This may include students who are under the age of 18, and as such they will be governed by any policies of the University.

3) At Open Days and at other times as stated in Clause 1 above and subject to the exception in Clause 2 above, FBH will not allow from the general public any children or young persons on to the site under the age of 18 unless accompanied by a parent or responsible adult. In respect of this Members or Helpers of FBH will have the right to seek identification from any person who appears to them to be under the age of 18 and not accompanied by an adult. FBH will be entitled to refuse entry to the site if they believe an unaccompanied person is under the age of 18.

4) As a Voluntary organisation, FBH has Members and such membership is open to persons over the age of 16. Members between the age of 16 and 18 may only attend at Open Days and at other times to help on site if accompanied by a parent or a responsible adult or with the approval of a Committee Member.

This policy may be reviewed from time to time at any meeting of the Committee of FBH.

Approved and Adopted at a Committee Meeting on: **1st June 2012**

Janet Edwards (Chairperson)

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Lionel E. Taylor (Secretary)

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