**Our Safeguarding Policy:**

Bradninch Together is a community charity put together during the Coronavirus Pandemic in March 2020. Our aim is to offer those who have unmet needs within the community, find help through an organised group of volunteers. This group is overseen by a Steering Group, who were the first residents of Bradninch who put together the idea and recruited the first volunteers. The Steering Group understand their duty of care to ensure the safety and well-being of all volunteers and service users working with Bradninch Together.

This policy applies to all volunteers, group co-ordinators and Steering Group members or any other people working with the group.

**The purpose of this policy is:**

* To protect the safety of service users and volunteers who offer help to neighbours within the Bradninch Community
* To provide service providers and volunteers with the overarching principles that guide our approach to safeguarding

Bradninch Together believes that a child, young person, vulnerable person or old person should never experience abuse of any kind. We have a responsibility to promote the welfare of all people within the Bradninch Community and to keep them safe. We are committed to offer help to all, in a way that protects volunteers and service users alike.

**This policy must be read alongside documents:**

BRADTOG Guidance 001 Shopping doc.

BRADTOG Guidance 002 General Contact & Safeguarding doc.

BRADTOG Guidance 003 No Answer at Door doc.

BRADTOG Guidance 004 Prepaid Collections doc.

**We will seek to keep all people involved with Bradninch Together safe by:**

* Valuing them, listening to and respecting them
* Recording and sharing information of any serious concerns and sharing information about any safeguarding concerns anyone involved with Bradninch Together might have, with relevant authorities.
* Discouraging volunteers from entering people’s homes when delivering groceries, prescriptions etc.
* Ensuring all understand that if they have a safeguarding and welfare concern they can talk to a member of the group and usually this would be the area co-ordinator first, who will refer on, if necessary, to the relevant organisation.
* Using our safeguarding procedures to share concerns and relevant information with agencies who need to know.
* Creating and maintaining an anti-bullying and respectful, caring environment for all people working with Bradninch Together.

**Useful Contacts:**

**Samaritans:** 116 123 **/** jo@samaritans.org

**Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub** (MASH) 0345 155 1071

Email: [mashsecure@devon.gcsx.gov.uk](mailto:mashsecure@devon.gcsx.gov.uk)

MASH consultation line: 0345 1551071 (ask for consultation line)

**Devon’s Domestic Abuse Helpline:**  0345 155 1074

**Child Exploitation and Online Protection Command** (CEOP) [www.ceop.police.uk](http://www.ceop.police.uk)

**Childline:** 0800 11 11 [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)

**Age UK:**  Advice line: 0800 678 1602

**Action on Elder Abuse:** 0808 808 8141 / www.wearehourglass.org

**Legal framework**

This policy has been drawn up based on law and guidance that seeks to protect the young, old and vulnerable in society:

* Data Protection Act2018 (GDPR)
* Human Rights Act 1998
* Sexual Offences Act 2003
* Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006
* Protection of Freedoms Act 2012
* Children and Families Act 2014
* Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Code of Practice 0-25 years – Statutory guidance for organisations which work with and support children and young people who have special educational needs or disabilities: HM Government 2014
* Information sharing: Advice for practitioners providing safeguarding services to children, young people, parents and carers: HM Government July 2018
* Working Together to Safeguard Children; a guide to inter-agency working to safeguard and promote the welfare of children: HM Government 2018

**We are committed to reviewing our policy and good practice annually:**

This policy was last reviewed on………………………………. (date)

Signed: ……………………………………………………Position