



Southern Carriage Driving Club

Health & Safety Policy

SCDC is a voluntary organisation that arranges and holds a variety of equestrian and carriage-driving based activities and events across Hampshire, Wiltshire and West Sussex.

It is the objective of SCDC that the highest standards of Health & Safety will be achieved & maintained during the execution of all Club undertakings. SCDC recognises that Health & Safety of all persons involved with, attending and/or affected by the Clubs undertakings is a high priority. All necessary statutory requirements shall be complied with as a minimum. SCDC is committed to continual improvements in the club Health & Safety standards, and through encouragement of its members to consider safety through correspondence and publication of articles. The SCDC Committee will regularly review matters relating to Health & Safety.

Risks to the Health & Safety of our Club members, members of the public and all other persons affected by our undertakings shall be assessed in the planning and conduct of those undertakings (activities and events).

Risks will be reduced wherever possible to absolute minimal levels, through the use of suitable Risk Assessment practices and the implementation of risk eradication and mitigation control measures. SCDC will ensure adequate provision is made for First Aid, Welfare Facilities, Fire Prevention and Fire Fighting at all organised activities and events.

Each new Club member will be required to undertake a Safety & Competence Assessment prior to being allowed to take part at their first Club Event, unless they hold a suitable recognised driving qualification.

Each Committee Member, Club Member or Volunteer involved in the club's undertakings will be provided with such information, instruction and/or training as is necessary to enable compliance with this Health & Safety Policy.

SCDC have appointed a competent person to assist in the implementation and management of the policy (hereafter known as "The Health & Safety Officer"). The Health & Safety Officer has the responsibilities of; coordinating safety within the club, acting as a point of contact within the club for external bodies on matters of Health & Safety; promoting safety amongst the club members; monitoring activities of the club to ensure compliance with this Health & Safety Policy and Statutory Requirements; ensuring suitable records in respect of Health & Safety are maintained.

The ultimate accountability for Health & Safety lies with the SCDC Committee. In the event of difficulties arising from the implementation of this policy, reference must be made to the SCDC Committee. SCDC expects commitment from all Committee Members, all Club Members and all those involved in any activity or event held by the Club to be responsible and to look after the safety of themselves and others; the implementation of this Policy is a responsibility at all levels.

The Policy will be communicated to all Club Members and other interested parties. A copy of the H&S policy statement will be displayed prominently at all Club events and available electronically on the club website.

Signed ____Jane Kempton_____Chairman SCDC

Date____23/3/21_____January 2021