



Andover Town Band

Youth Welfare Statement

The designated Youth Welfare officer is: LESLEY WALLACE

The alternate Youth Welfare officer is: MARIE WILDS

Everyone who participates in brass banding is entitled to do so in an enjoyable and safe environment. Everyone working in brass banding either in a paid or a voluntary capacity, together with those working in affiliated organisations, has a role to play in safeguarding the welfare of children.

Andover Town Band has adopted the recommended good practice guidance developed by its umbrella body, Brass Bands England, to help ensure that all necessary steps are taken to protect from harm, those children and young people who participate in brass playing at all levels. For any concerns regarding the welfare of any of our members, please speak to the Welfare Officer.

Policy statement

Andover Town Band recognises that:

- The welfare of the child is paramount, as enshrined in the Children Act (1989);
- All children, regardless of age, disability, gender, racial heritage, religious belief, sexual orientation or identity, have a right to equal protection from all types of harm or abuse;
- Some children are additionally vulnerable because of the impact of previous experiences, their level of dependency, communication needs or other issues; and
- Working in partnership with children, young people, their parents, carers and other agencies is essential in promoting young people's welfare.

Andover Town Band has signed a service level agreement with Brass Bands England (BBE) for the purposes of administering Enhanced Disclosure Applications (Enhanced DBS Checks) in accordance with the Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) Code of Practice.

Andover Town Band's designated contact for this process is: **LESLEY WALLACE**

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