

Somersetshire Coal Canal Society (SCCS)

HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

Health and Safety Policy Statement

Part 1 – General Policy

The SCCS statement of general policy is: -

- to provide adequate control of the health and safety risks arising from our activities
- to consult with all personnel on all matters affecting health and safety
- to provide and maintain safe plant and equipment
- to ensure safe handling and use of substances
- to provide information, instruction and supervision for all personnel
- to ensure all personnel are competent to do their tasks and to give them adequate training
- to prevent accidents and cases of work-related ill health
- to maintain safe and healthy working conditions
- to safeguard the environment
- to review and revise this policy as necessary

Part 2 - Organisation

The Committee of the SCCS has the ultimate responsibility for ensuring the health and safety of all working personnel and the visiting public at all locations under its control.

The responsibility for day-to-day implementation of the policy is devolved where appropriate to Project Managers, Event Coordinators or Work Party Organisers.

The SCCS may appoint Designated Persons to be responsible for the implementation of the health and safety policy at local level.

All personnel and visitors have a duty to take reasonable care of their own health and safety and that of others who may be affected by their acts or omissions, and to cooperate with SCCS on all matters relating to health and safety.

Part 3 - Implementation

The activities of SCCS range from organisation, administration, work parties and visits to industrial archaeological sites, which may include members of the public.

- Accident books are provided at all work sites, and all accidents are investigated and remedial action taken where appropriate.
- The SCCS Committee maintains Employer Liability Insurance and reviews the cover provided annually to ensure that all its activities are properly insured.

- Risk Assessments are carried out at every site controlled by the SCCS and documented. A central register of all such risk assessments is maintained by the Committee of the SCCS for use by Project Managers, Event Coordinators and Work Party Organisers.
- It is the responsibility of all Project Managers, Event Coordinators and Work Party Organisers to communicate and implement the relevant mitigation measures documented in the Risk Assessment document.

Part 4 - Information, Instruction and Training.

This Health and Safety Policy document is published on the www.coalcanal.com website for inspection by volunteers and the general public.

All working personnel are encouraged to raise any safety concerns which may arise both to the Committee or the person responsible at the location.

Health and Safety is included as an agenda item at every SCCS committee meeting and this policy document is reviewed annually by the Committee.

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