

## **Park Hall Area Neighbourhood Watch (PHANW) Data Protection Policy**

### **1) Definitions**

- Personal data is information about a person which is identifiable as being about them. It can be stored electronically or on paper, and can include images, audio recordings, and written information.
- Data protection is about how we, as an organisation, ensure we protect the rights and privacy of individuals, and comply with the law, when collecting, storing, using, amending, sharing, destroying or deleting personal data.

### **2) Responsibility**

- Overall and final responsibility for data protection lies with the PHANW committee, who are responsible for overseeing activities and ensuring this policy is upheld.
- All volunteers are responsible for observing this policy, and related procedures, in all areas of their work for PHANW.

### **3) Overall policy statement**

- PHANW needs to keep personal data about its committee, members, and volunteers in order to carry out PHANW activities.
- We will collect, store, use, amend, share, destroy or delete personal data only in ways which protect people's privacy and comply with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and other relevant legislation.
- We will only collect, store and use the minimum amount of data that we need for clear purposes, and will not collect, store or use data we do not need.
- We will only collect, store and use data :
  - for purposes for which the individual has given explicit consent, or
  - for purposes that are in our group's legitimate interests, or
  - to comply with legal obligations, or
  - to protect someone's life, or
  - to perform public tasks.
- We will provide individuals with details of the data we have about them when requested by the relevant individual.
- We will delete data if requested by the relevant individual, unless we need to keep it for legal reasons.
- We will endeavour to keep personal data up-to-date and accurate.
- We will store personal data securely.
- We will keep clear records of the purposes of collecting and holding specific data, to ensure it is only used for these purposes.
- We will not share personal data with third parties without the explicit consent of the relevant individual, unless legally required to do so.
- We will endeavour not to have data breaches. In the event of a data breach, we will endeavour to rectify the breach by getting any lost or shared data back. We will evaluate our processes and understand how to avoid it happening again. Serious data breaches which may risk someone's personal rights or freedoms will be reported to the Information Commissioner's Office within 72 hours, and to the individual concerned.
- To uphold this policy, we will maintain a set of data protection procedures for our committee and volunteers to follow.

### **4) Review**

This policy will be reviewed every two years