

THIRSK MUSEUM HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

Policy Statement

It is the Policy of Thirsk and District Museum Society that its operations are conducted in such a way as to ensure, so far as it is reasonably practicable, the health, safety and welfare of its volunteers, visitors, contractors and others who may be affected by the Museum's activities.

The Trustees of Thirsk and District Museum Society accept the prime responsibility for the health, safety and welfare of the affected group.

The Trustees have a direct concern for the health, safety and welfare of their volunteers and accord health and safety matters equal priority to all other management and Museum functions.

It is a requirement of the Trustees that the Thirsk and District Museum Society Management Committee accord a similar priority to health and safety matters and that all Thirsk Museum volunteers, visitors and contractors ensure that the intent of this policy is observed.

Trustees delegate the duties for Health and Safety to the designated Health and Safety Officer(s) of the Management Committee.

The Museum undertakes to comply with the requirements of all relevant European and UK statutory provisions and guidance to meet these obligations.

Purpose

This policy aims to ensure, so far as it is reasonably practicable, that the affected group do not suffer accident or ill-health while on the Thirsk Museum site.

Practice

No activity is so important or urgent that it will be carried out other than with full regard to all issues of health and safety.

The necessary resources must be made available to meet the requirement of this policy.

All volunteers and contractors appointed by the Museum, are required to pay maximum attention to the health and safety aspects of their work and exercise all care so as to eliminate or suitably control hazards to themselves and others.

The Museum will adopt a planned approach to managing health and safety.

Specific arrangements for health and safety within the Museum are set out in the Health and Safety Protocols and Procedures documents.

Review

This policy document will be reviewed when required as the result of significant change or on a regular basis and in any case within five years.