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The Military Vehicle Trust

SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

The Military Vehicle Trust (MVT) is established for the public benefit and to advance the education of the public without distinction of ability, sex, sexual orientation, race or political, religious or other opinions. The charity's objects are specifically restricted to the following:

- The Trust is established for the purpose of restoring and preserving military vehicles of historical interest and the preservation of books, drawings, records, documents, sound and visual recordings, films, photographs and other media and ephemera relating to such vehicles, their history and development, and promoting and encouraging the same aim in others.

In furtherance of the above objects but not otherwise the directors shall have the power to:

- To organise, sponsor and support military vehicle and such other shows and events and encourage the appearance of historic military vehicles at public events and shows for the provision and stimulation of information, education and interest in such vehicles.

We take our responsibility seriously to keep people safe, and continually strive to embed good practice across the organisation and beyond.

We understand safeguarding to be about ensuring the safety and wellbeing of everyone with whom we come into contact with as part of our organisations activities. This obligation naturally extends to our own officers, trustees, managers, area administrators, members and volunteers, as well as those in our partner organisations and other persons associated with The Military Vehicle Trust.

Our approach to safeguarding involves promoting a culture of safety for all and practising this in every aspect of our organisation's daily activities. It also involves taking action for and on behalf of children and vulnerable adults who are suffering, or are at risk of suffering, significant harm as a result of abuse, exploitation or neglect.

The Military Vehicle Trust has a zero-tolerance approach to bullying, harassment, violence, exploitation and abuse, and we have made the following commitments to keep people safe:

- Our officers, trustees, managers and area administrators will maintain the highest standards of conduct and practice. Our officers, trustees, managers and area administrators are carefully selected to ensure that they are suitable to carry out their roles. The standards that they are expected to uphold are set out in our organisational policies, reinforced through regular training, and endorsed by a positive culture that openly discusses and promotes good safeguarding practice.
- We support our partners and others to build and endorse good practice. Partnership and collaboration is fundamental to our purpose, and so we often involve other organisations, groups and entities in the delivery of events. We seek to understand the policy, procedure and practice of our partners and to support them, where required, to build and strengthen good practice.
- We listen to all safeguarding concerns that are reported to us and take appropriate action. We have a clear procedure that can be used by anyone to

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report a concern. When a report is made, our response will be guided by this procedure. We establish actions that are appropriate to the nature of the case and aligned with the legal obligations and reporting mechanisms in the locality where the concern is raised. In our handling of reports, we respect confidentiality as far as possible, only involving individuals and entities on a “need to know” basis.

- We proactively champion meaningful participation in safeguarding work. In line with our values, we ensure that officers, trustees, managers, area administrators, members and volunteers and partnership organisations, are able to contribute to and participate in our safeguarding work. We do this by sharing information and providing opportunities to offer feedback and propose ideas through consultation.

As part of our efforts to uphold our commitments, The Military Vehicle Trust is building a comprehensive suite of policies, procedures, tools and resources to guide good safeguarding practice in all aspects of our activities. A number of key policies form a central component of these commitments, they include:

- Child & Vulnerable Adult Safeguarding Policy
- Volunteer Policy
- Equality & Diversity Policy
- Whistleblowing Policy
- Complaints Policy

Our Safeguarding System continues to grow as we build on our work to-date. If you would like to learn more about safeguarding at The Military Vehicle Trust, please refer to our policies. Alternatively, you can contact your nearest The Military Vehicle Trust area directly.

Reporting a safeguarding concern

If you wish to raise a concern, please refer to the Child & Vulnerable Adult Safeguarding Policy. Alternatively, you can contact us directly by emailing: report@mvt.org.uk or by calling our telephone help line, which is open Monday to Friday 9 am to 5 pm. Simply contact the MVT General Secretary by calling 0333 321 8977 and selecting option 2 to leave a message.

All reports will be treated confidentially.

Reporting outside office hours

If you'd like to speak to someone outside of office hours, you can call the NSPCC on 0808 800 5000.

If someone is in immediate danger, call the police (999).

Concerns about radicalisation

If you have a concern that someone is being drawn into or supporting terrorism, you should 0333 321 8977 and selecting option 2, or by emailing report@mvt.org.uk