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## **This is the Health and Safety Policy Statement of Keswick Town Council**

Keswick Town Council recognises and accepts its responsibility for providing a safe and healthy work environment for its members; staff; volunteers; visitors and for anyone affected by its activities.

The Council maintains this policy for the management of health and safety as its top priority and will do all that is reasonably practicable to ensure effective organisation and planning and established and maintained. The Council will also ensure that appropriate and effective audit and review mechanisms are used to inform the work of the Council, which undertakes to commit appropriate resources to manage health and safety.

Our statement of general powers as set out below is based on that required by virtue of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974.

Our statement of general policy is:

- To provide adequate control of the health and safety risks arising from our activities;
- To consult with our staff on matters affecting their health and safety;
- To provide and maintain safe equipment;
- To ensure safe handling and use of substances;
- To provide sufficient information, instruction and supervision of staff, volunteers and visitors as far as is reasonably practicable;
- To ensure all staff and volunteers are competent in their Council-related activities, and to provide adequate training as far as is reasonably practicable;
- To prevent accidents and activity—related ill health as far as is reasonably practicable;
- To maintain safe and healthy conditions for conducting the Council's business and the public facilities it provides; and To review and revise this Policy as necessary at regular intervals, but at least annually.

Approved by the Council on:

To be review and re-affirmed at the Annual Town Council meeting.

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