



Lundy Field Society – Statement of Health and Safety policies

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Background

The Lundy Field Society (LFS) is a learned society established for the study and conservation of a unique island. The Society was founded in 1946 and is a Registered Charity (258294). The Constitution of the Society can be found in the LFS Annual Reports.

The LFS encourages research into the natural history, history and archaeology of the island and disseminates the knowledge gained. Research is undertaken by members who normally operate independently of the day-to-day activities of the LFS. Such activities are mostly self-funded or funded by the institute to which an individual is affiliated. However, the Society also grant-aids some research undertaken by both individuals and groups. The LFS supports the island through the provision of working parties ('Conservation Breaks') and, from time-to-time, members lead guided walks and give presentations to visitors. The LFS organised a 'Discover Lundy' event in 2012 and will run a similar event in September 2016. This will involve LFS members in leading activities around the island. Such events may be attended by members, Lundy Company staff and members of the public visiting the island.

Health and Safety policies relating to LFS members and LFS-organised activities

1. LFS members contributing to 'Conservation Breaks' are supervised by Lundy Company staff using Lundy Company equipment. Responsibility for risk assessments, health and safety briefings and public liability whilst members are 'at work' lies with the Lundy Company. At other times members have personal responsibility (see point 4).
2. LFS members are periodically invited (commissioned) by the Lundy Company to lead walks for visitors to the island. In such cases, responsibility for risk assessment and public liability lies with the Lundy Company. However, any member leading such a walk must explain the likely hazards and ensure as far as is reasonable that participants are fit and able to undertake whatever the walk involves.
3. LFS members undertaking activities that involve bird ringing and census work organised by the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) are covered by BTO public liability insurance.
4. LFS members engaged in personal/independent activities (i.e. those not organised by the LFS or Lundy Company) whilst on or around the island are advised to assess risks and to ensure they have appropriate safety equipment and insurance. The LFS bears no responsibility for such activities.
5. The LFS does not own equipment (other than bird rings and bird ringing equipment). Equipment stored in the LFS cupboard in Jack's Store is all owned and used personally by LFS members. The LFS does not loan or otherwise provide for the use of such equipment by others. The LFS is not therefore required to undertake risk assessments or portable appliance testing (PAT) for such equipment.

6. Public liability insurance will be taken out for the duration of the 'Discover Lundy' event (September 2016). The LFS will be responsible for the preparation of appropriate risk assessments.
7. The option of taking out on-going ('permanent') public liability insurance (PLI) for LFS activities was investigated when insurance was taken out for 'Discover Lundy' in 2012 but the conclusion of the LFS Committee on the basis of advice from our insurers was that this would represent an unnecessary expense to the Society and that PLI should be purchased on a case-by-case basis as the need arises.

Health and Safety policy relating to the recipients of LFS grants

8. Recipients of LFS grants ('grantees'), whether or not they are LFS members, are advised to ensure that they have undertaken appropriate risk assessments for the activities they are planning. Such activities are the independent responsibility of the grantee and the LFS bears no liability.