

# Poynton Horticultural & Agricultural Society



## Health & Safety Policy

Under the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 the Poynton Horticultural & Agricultural Society Ltd is responsible for ensuring the health safety and welfare for its staff and others who may be affected by its activities. This statement sets out the general approach for managing health and safety.

### Statement of Intent

The society will take all practicable steps to safeguard the health, safety and welfare of its staff and the health and safety of others that might be affected by its activities. The society will comply with all of its statutory obligations and follow best practise. Sufficient resources will be provided to ensure its health and safety obligations can be fully met.

The society's Health and Safety management system is based on a common understanding of risks and how to control them. Everyone who carries out the Society's activities have a responsibility not to endanger themselves or others. Health and Safety is the responsibility of everyone at all levels and adequate support will be provided to enable all to fulfil these responsibilities. The society recognises that Health and Safety is a management responsibility of equal importance to any other aspect of the society's activities.

The society will provide strong and active Health and Safety leadership and encourage involvement at all levels of all its activities. The society is committed to monitoring and reviewing the Health and Safety management system and performance to ensure continual improvement.

To comply with relevant Health and Safety legislation the society will:-

- ◆ Ensure its premises, plant, equipment and vehicles are safe and well maintained.
- ◆ Provide safe and healthy working environments for its staff, exhibitors, contractors and visitors.
- ◆ Provide relevant and timely information, instruction, training and supervision for its staff, contractors, exhibitors and visitors.
- ◆ Set up safe systems of work by ensuring risks are assessed, controlled and managed.
- ◆ Ensure safe and suitable arrangements are in place to use, handle, store and transport substances required for its activities.
- ◆ Consult with its staff, contractors, exhibitors and visitors to ensure a continual exchange of information.

Signed Nicholas Bridge  
Chairman  
3<sup>rd</sup> July 2014.