INFORMATION SECURITY AND PRIVACY POLICY

United Kingdom Peatland Society (UKPS) is a non-Government organisation dedicated to peatlands and peat through the promotion, gathering, exchange and communication of experience, information and knowledge, by means of events, projects and publicity which address key issues, including biodiversity, climate change, responsible use and restoration.

This policy applies to all locations where we operate, to all forms of information and to all systems used to collect, store, process, or transfer information.

Membership of the UKPS
- consists of individual, corporate, institute and student members
- Individual membership shall be open to all individuals with residence in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (UK) who are interested directly or indirectly in the study, conservation, management and or utilisation of mires, peatlands and peat.
- Student membership shall be open to all students undertaking full or part-time postgraduate study at a UK university or college of further/higher education.
- Corporate and Institutional membership shall be open to all scientific, technical, government and commercial organisations operating in the UK that are interested directly or indirectly in the study, conservation, management and or utilisation of mires, peatlands and peat.

The General Data Protection Regulation 2016/679:
- is a regulation in EU law on data protection and privacy for all individual citizens of the European Union and the European Economic Area (EEA). It also addresses the transfer of personal data outside the EU and EEA areas;
- The GDPR gives control to individuals over their personal data and to simplify the regulatory environment for international business by unifying the regulation within the EU. Superseding the Data Protection Directive 95/46/EC, the regulation contains provisions and requirements related to the processing of personal data of individuals and applies to any enterprise EEA.
- Controllers of personal data must put in place appropriate technical and organizational measures to implement the data protection principles.
- No personal data may be processed unless this processing is done under a lawful basis specified by the regulation.
- The data subject has the right to revoke this consent at any time.
- Further information can be obtained at https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guide-to-the-general-data-protection-regulation

We will implement this policy and ensure it is communicated and understood. The UKPS will review this statement regularly to reflect new legal and regulatory developments and ensure good practice.

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