Policy 14: Food, Water & Hygiene

1. Purpose

To ensure safe provision of food and water in support of participant welfare.

Objectives

- To establish clear guidelines and procedures to ensure compliance with food hygiene standards, water safety regulations, and cleanliness requirements during the Pub Run.
- To protect the health, safety, and welfare of participants, volunteers, sponsors, staff, and spectators while ensuring alignment with all applicable UK laws, including but not limited to:
  - Food Safety Act 1990 (1990 c 16);
  - Food Safety and Hygiene (England) Regulations 2013 (SI 2013/2996);
  - Local authority guidelines regarding hygiene, waste management, and water provision during public outdoor events.

2. Scope

- Applies to any food or drink provided by the Charity or on its behalf.

3. Definitions

- Food provision: Any distribution of food items.
- Water provision: Drinking water supplied for participants.

4. Legal / Regulatory Context (summary)

- Food safety and hygiene legislation applies.
- Allergen information must be provided where required.

5. Policy Statement

The Charity will prioritise hydration and ensure any food provision is safe and compliant.

6. Minimum Standards & Controls

- Provision of portable drinking water.
- Food sourced and handled hygienically.
- Clear allergen information where applicable.
- Volunteers briefed on hygiene practices.

7. Roles & Responsibilities

- Event Team: Approval of food provision arrangements.
- Volunteers: Follow hygiene guidance.

8. Decision-Making & Escalation

- Unsafe food withdrawn immediately.
- Incidents escalated to Safety Lead.

9. Records & Evidence

- Supplier details.
- Allergen information.
- Incident logs.

10. Review

Arrangements reviewed following any food-related incident.