

BARMBY MOOR VILLAGE HALL

Safeguarding Policy

Overview

Commitment to safeguarding: The Barmby Moor Village Hall trustees are committed to the principle that a child, young person or vulnerable adult should never experience abuse of any kind. We recognise that we have a responsibility to promote the welfare of all children, young people and vulnerable adults who use the Village Hall facilities. The commitment to safeguarding must be a partnership between the trustees and the hirers of the hall. The trustees expect that hirers will uphold good safeguarding practices and have developed these guidelines to enable that partnership.

About this policy

- This policy applies to all trustees and hirers and of The Barmby Moor Village Hall. It also applies to self-employed contractors who undertake work for the Village Hall.
- The purpose of this policy is to provide trustees with the overarching principles that guide our approach to the protection of vulnerable people
- This policy recognises vulnerable people as:
 - Children up to the age of 16 or young people aged 16-18.
 - Adults aged over 18 defined as vulnerable by the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006; this might include adults with a learning or physical disability, a physical or mental illness, chronic or otherwise, including an addiction to alcohol or drugs, or reduced physical or mental capacity
- This policy aims to:
 - Ensure hirers of the hall working with children and/or vulnerable adults understand and accept responsibility to ensure that children and vulnerable adults who use Barmby Moor Village Hall are protected.
 - Ensure that safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults is a primary consideration when the hirers of Barmby Moor Village Hall undertake any activity, event or project.

Barmby Moor Village Hall and vulnerable people:

The Village Hall trustees manage a Hall that is hired by users. The trustees do not provide direct services in the hall. Trustees therefore do not engage directly with vulnerable people. Their duty is one of oversight to ensure that hirers are committed to the principles of this policy.

Named safeguarding person:

The Secretary has responsibility for safeguarding issues. All queries and concerns relating to safeguarding should be referred to Nicolas Spencer in the first instance.

The programmes run by hirers of The Barmby Moor Village Hall that will involve children or vulnerable adults should consult with the trustees of the Village Hall if they have any concerns about safeguarding. It is their responsibility, as hirers, to ensure appropriate safeguarding measures are in place.

Policy review: This policy will be reviewed and amended (if necessary) on an annual basis by the Trustees. It will also be reviewed in response to changes in relevant legislation, good practice, or in response to an identified failing in its effectiveness.

Contractors, Hirers and safeguarding

If an existing or potential contractor or hirer will be working with children or vulnerable adults as part of the activities they are reminded of their responsibility to attain the appropriate level of DBS.

Procedures regarding safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults

When the Barmby Moor Village Hall hirers organise programmes they will be responsible for vulnerable children and/or adults they will ensure:

- Planning is carried out in line with this policy and procedures.
- The event is attended by an appropriate number of DBS checked adults.
- The main contact has access to emergency contact details and other relevant details (e.g. information about picking up arrangements for vulnerable people).
- If the Hirer is organising an event involving children or vulnerable adults they are advised to contact Community Vision (Formerly ERVHN) at County Hall, Beverley. In addition, they must confirm that they hold a DBS certificate.

Barmby Moor Village Hall trustees recommend to hirers that if a vulnerable person wishes to take part in the hirer's activities written permission (email is fine) should be obtained from parents/guardians where appropriate, and before the activity takes place. Written permission should include emergency contact details of any relevant pick-up arrangements, including permission for another adult to pick up the vulnerable person after the activity has finished

Procedures for raising safeguarding concerns and incidents of abuse

If a hirer of Barmby Moor Village Hall witnesses, suspects or is informed of a witnessed or suspected case of abuse they should immediately report it to the Social Services or in extreme circumstances the police. emergency medical help should be sought if appropriate.

- The hirer **MUST** inform the trustees of the incident.
- The hirer should always review their practice in the event of an incident and trustees should audit their review.

The Trustees have a duty in their Annual return to the Charity Commission to note any serious untoward events in the Village Hall.