



Beeding & Bramber Village Hall
High Street, Upper Beeding
West Sussex BN44 3WN
Registered charity number: 305435

Safeguarding policy

Last update: November 2021

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The welfare of children or vulnerable adults is paramount and is the responsibility of everyone. All children and vulnerable adults, without exception, have the right to protection from abuse, whether physical, verbal, bullying, exclusion or neglect. Bullying, shouting, physical violence, sexism and racism towards children or vulnerable adults will not be permitted or tolerated. The Management Committee of Seeding and Bramber Village Hall have a duty to safeguard children and vulnerable adults who utilise the hall and its facilities.

POLICIES

1. No member of the trustees, helpers or other volunteers will have unsupervised access to children or vulnerable adults unless appropriately vetted.

Procedure

All members of the trustees, helpers or other volunteers will be made aware of this policy and the relevant vetting procedures. Hirers must ensure that any activities for children young people and other vulnerable adults are only provided by fit and proper persons in accordance with the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 and any subsequent legislation. When requested, hirers must provide the Hall Committee with a copy of their Safeguarding Policy and evidence that they have carried out relevant checks through the Disclosing and Barring Service (DBS).

2. The National Prevent Duty:

The Prevent strategy, published by the Government in 2011, is part of our overall counter-terrorism strategy, it confers mandatory duties and responsibilities on a range of public organisations, Terrorism occurs when unlawful force or threats are used to support a belief or ideology. These criminal acts can include threatening someone because they are a different colour or religion; causing damage to property to get a political point of view across; or setting off a bomb to kill or injure people and terrorise whole communities.

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1. All suspicions or allegations of abuse will be taken seriously and dealt with speedily and appropriately.



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Procedure

A trustee will be appointed to be responsible for safeguarding Matters. This person will have responsibility for reporting concerns that arise, as a matter of urgency, to the local authority Child Protection lead agency. (contact details below)

Relevant Child Protection and prevent training for trustees will be encouraged.

2. The policies and procedures will be regularly reviewed.

Procedures

An annual review will take place following the AGM to allow for any required up-date of policies and or procedures. New trustees and volunteers will be provided with an understanding of their responsibilities in matters of child protection and safeguarding.

3. Members of the local community who use the facilities provided by the Village Hall should be aware of the Child Protection policies as adopted by the Hall.

Procedure

All hirers who wish to use the hall for activities which include children and vulnerable adult's other than for hire for private parties arranged for invited friends and family only, will be asked to produce a copy of their Child Protection Policy. A copy of this document will be available for the attention of all.

Reporting incidents

The Chair will be the main contact for reporting concerns, other executive members will also be available.

If there are circumstances where imminent danger is threatened a 999 call is required. Confidential discussion between officers and other relevant people may take place to clarify the circumstances.



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Nominated child protection co-ordinator

For concerns please contact:

SUE ALBERY
Chairperson sue.albery@gmail.com

Or the Secretary and Vice Chairperson at:
<http://www.beedingandbrambervillagehall.org.uk/contact/>

If you think your child is in immediate danger please call the police on 999.

For advice contact:
Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub
Fourth Floor
County Hall North {Parkside}
Chart Way
Horsham
West Sussex
RH12 IXH

E: mash@westsussex.gcsx.gov.uk
T: 01403 229900

NSPCC
help@nspcc.org.uk

Help for adults concerned about a child
Call us on 0808 800 5000

Help for children and young people
Call Childline on 0800 1111

If you have any worries or concerns in relation to Prevent or would like more information, email prevent@sussex.pnn.police.uk