

Newton Solney Village Hall Safeguarding Policy

Purpose and Aim of this policy statement

The Committee believe everyone has the right to live free from abuse or neglect regardless of age, ability or disability, sex, race, religion, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, marital or gender status. We are committed to creating and maintaining a safe and positive environment and an open, listening culture where people feel able to share concerns without fear of retribution.

The purpose of this policy statement is:

- to protect children, young people and vulnerable adults who use Newton Solney Village Hall from harm.
- to provide volunteers, as well as children, young people, vulnerable adults and their families, with the overarching principles that guide our approach to child protection.

This policy applies to anyone hiring our hall and property, including the trustees, volunteers, and contractors.

Scope of this policy statement and context

This policy has been drawn up on the basis of legislation, policy and guidance that seeks to protect children in England. A summary of the key legislation and guidance is available from nspcc.org.uk/childprotection.

Policy Statement

- We believe everyone has a responsibility to promote the welfare of all children, young people and vulnerable adults, to keep them safe and to practise in a way that protects them
- We will give equal priority to keeping all children, young people and vulnerable adults safe regardless of their age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex, or sexual orientation
- We will meet our commitment to keeping children safe through:
 - listening to children and respecting them
 - appointing a member of the trustee board who takes lead responsibility for safeguarding at the highest level in the organisation
 - making sure all volunteers understand and follow the safeguarding and child protection procedures
 - ensuring children, young people, vulnerable adults and their families know about safeguarding and child protection policies and what to do if they have a concern
 - building a safeguarding culture where volunteers and children know how they are expected to behave and feel comfortable about sharing concerns.

How we seek to keep young people and vulnerable adults safe:

- Regular Hall users to provide copies of their safe guarding procedures
- Appointing a nominated child protection lead for children, young people and vulnerable adults for safeguarding oversight
- sharing information about safeguarding and good practice with children and their families via leaflets, posters, and making sure that children, young people and their families know where to go for help if they have a concern.

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