



## SAFEGUARDING

Old Weston Village Hall Committee believes that children and vulnerable adults have the right to be safe, secure and free from the fear and reality of abuse. All suspicions or allegations of abuse against a child or vulnerable adult will be taken seriously and dealt with speedily and appropriately. All suspicions and concerns of abuse should be reported to the Chair of the Committee. This person has the responsibility for reporting concerns that arise, as a matter of urgency, to the relevant authorities or the police.

Any adult working with children or vulnerable adults (elderly, mentally and/or physically disabled), or who have unsupervised access, must have a current, satisfactory DBS check in place. It is the hirer's responsibility to ensure that these are in place before the hiring takes place. The committee may ask to see evidence of this. It is the hirer's responsibility to ensure that anyone who has not had this check is never left alone with a child or vulnerable adult.

In the event of a child or vulnerable adult not being collected after an event, the responsibility of dealing with the situation rests solely with the hirer who, if necessary, must seek advice or involvement from the relevant authorities or Police.

Any allegations of any incident that takes place on the hall site that are made to the committee will be reported to the relevant authorities. The committee will refer the matter to the police.

The Committee will endeavour to keep the premises safe for use by children and vulnerable adults. The Committee recognises that a higher standard of safety is required where use is made by small children and those who cannot read safety notices and physically disabled adults. It is the Hirers responsibility to make themselves familiar with the safety requirements of the building.