

ROPSLEY HALL

Child and Adults at Risk (Vulnerable Adults) Safeguarding Policy

This statement of policy and procedures applies to users or and activities in Ropsley Hall and any ancillary activities which are the responsibility of the Ropsley Hall Management Committee

This policy is in place to protect all children and adults at risk (vulnerable adults) regardless of gender, ethnicity, disability, sexuality, religion or faith.

The welfare of the child or adult at risk (vulnerable adult) is paramount and is the responsibility of everyone. All children and adults at risk (vulnerable adults) have the right to protection from abuse whether physical, verbal, sexual, bullying, exclusion or neglect.

All people associated with Ropsley Hall and its use have a responsibility for the safeguarding of children and adults at risk (vulnerable adults).

Ropsley Hall Management Committee (RHMC) will endeavour to keep the premises safe for use.

RHMC insists that any adult working with children or adults at risk (vulnerable adults) and having **unsupervised access**, must be in possession of a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check.

It is the hirer’s responsibility to ensure that such clearance is in place before the hiring takes place. RHMC 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 adult at risk (vulnerable adult).

Groups who use Ropsley Hall on a regular basis should have their own Safeguarding Policy in place.

Hirers must satisfy themselves that the premises and facilities are suitable for their needs.

RHMC will ensure that hirers are made aware of their obligations under the Licensing Act 2003 to ensure that alcohol is not sold to those under the age of 18 and that no children may be admitted to films when they are below the age classification for the film on show.

In the event of a child or adult at risk (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 authorities or Police.

Adults at Risk (Vulnerable Adults) are the frail elderly, mentally and/or physically disabled

Any allegations of any incident that take place on the hall site that are made to RHMC will be reported to the relevant authorities. RHMC will not carry out any investigation, but will refer the matter to the Police and the Social Services safeguarding teams.

Ropsley Hall (Village Hall (Ropsley)) is registered with the Charity Commission.

At least one member of RHMC will receive training in safeguarding.

This policy will be reviewed at least every three years.

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