



WISBOROUGH GREEN VILLAGE HALL

CHILD AND VULNERABLE ADULTS SAFEGUARDING POLICY

This statement of policy and procedures applies to users of, and activities in, Wisborough Green Village Hall and any ancillary activities which are permitted by the Village Hall Management Committee.

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

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

All people associated with the Village Hall and its use have a responsibility for the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults.

The Village Hall Management Committee will use its best endeavours to keep the premises safe for use.

No member of the Trustees, Management Committee, outside contractors, hirers or volunteers will have unsupervised access to children or vulnerable adults for the protection of both the children and the adult. In an emergency where a second adult is absent, the remaining adult must take immediate steps to obtain an additional adult to be present. It is accepted that this policy should never mean that a child or vulnerable adult is left alone due to the absence of a second supervising adult.

The Management Committee will ensure that all hirers/users of the Hall are aware that safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults is the responsibility of the hirers.

The Committee 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 or shows when they are below the age classification for the film or show. No gambling or entertainment of an adult or sexual nature shall be permitted on the premises.

Acceptance of this safeguarding policy is part of the Hiring Agreement made between the Hirer and the Hall. See Hiring Agreement and Standard Conditions of Hire.

A copy of this policy is available on the Village website www.wisboroughgreen.org and will be displayed on the Hall notice board.

The policy will be reviewed annually by the Hall Management Committee.

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