

Barby Village Hall

Child/ Vulnerable Adult Safeguarding Policy

- This statement of policy and procedures applies to users of, and activities in, Barby Village Hall. The 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.
- The Committee insists that any adult working with children or vulnerable adults (elderly, mentally and/or physically disabled), or who have unsupervised access, must be in possession of appropriate clearance such as DBS.
- It is the hirer's responsibility to ensure that checks are in place before the hiring takes place. The management committee may ask to see evidence of this. It is the hirer's responsibility to ensure that anyone who has not got appropriate clearance is never left alone with a child or vulnerable adult.
- Hirers must satisfy themselves that the premises and facilities are suitable for their needs.
- Hirers need to be aware that facilities such as the toilets might be shared with other groups and that appropriate supervision/arrangements should be made.
- 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 authorities or Police.
- Any allegations of any safeguarding incident, taking place on the Hall site, that are made to the committee will be reported to the relevant authorities. The committee will not carry out any investigation, but will refer the matter to the police.
- Acceptance of the Village Hall's safeguarding policy is part of the agreed contract taken out on hiring the Hall

A copy of this policy will be displayed for the attention of all on the Hall notice board. The policy will be reviewed on a regular basis.

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