

# Safeguarding Policy



Yarpole Parish Hall Management Committee (the trustees), its volunteers and staff have a duty to safeguard vulnerable users of the village hall and those who may come into contact with vulnerable users. They should respond to any concerns they may have regarding the physical, sexual, emotional or psychological safety of a vulnerable person or concerns relating to discriminatory or financial violation or exploitation of a vulnerable person.

## **Policy Statement**

1. No member of the trustees, helpers or other volunteers will have unsupervised access to children or vulnerable adults unless appropriately vetted.

2. A trustee (Jane Prail) will be appointed to be responsible for child and vulnerable adult protection matters. This person will have responsibility for reporting concerns that arise, as a matter of urgency, to relevant protection agency.

3. All suspicions or allegations of abuse against a child or vulnerable adult will be taken seriously and dealt with speedily and appropriately.

4. All trustees and volunteers will be required to become aware of the issues surrounding children and vulnerable adults.

5. The trustees 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 when used by small children, and those who cannot read notices such as adults with physical or learning disabilities.

Adults Protection policy before the first booking commences. Other organisations hiring the hall whose activities may involve vulnerable adults will be made aware of this policy.

Contractors engaged to carry out work at the premises must not be allowed unsupervised access to children or vulnerable adults. Appropriate supervision will be arranged if necessary.

6. 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. The committee will ensure that hirers are aware that no children may be admitted to films when

7. The policies and procedures will be regularly reviewed.

8. Members of the local community who use the facilities provided by the hall committee should be aware of the Child Protection policies that have been adopted.