

Child & Vulnerable Person Protection Policy 2026

(Wrentham Village Hall Management Committee)

Guiding Principles and Procedures.

The welfare of the child and vulnerable person is paramount. All children, regardless of age, disability, gender, racial heritage, religious belief, or sexual orientation, have a right to equal protection from all types of harm or abuse

All children and vulnerable persons, without exception, have the right to protection from abuse. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

We will rapidly report any concerns raised. All issues of concern, raised by young or vulnerable persons, will be taken seriously and dealt with speedily.

**Contact the chairperson and designated Safeguarding Officer,
Fiona Anderson - 01502 675560, fiona.e.anderson@googlemail.com**

1. Policy.

The Village Hall Committee itself, does not provide services to children nor to vulnerable persons but it does provide premises for hire where others may do so. It is our intention that we will ensure those who do provide these services will be fully aware and compliant with the current legislation.

Procedure.

All members of the committee, employees, helpers and volunteers will be made aware of this policy and the relevant vetting procedures. We will ensure all persons working with children or vulnerable adults, where there are care and support needs, have undergone Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) or equivalent checks at the level appropriate to their role prior to engagement in those duties, and relevant certificates will be checked. This will be through all hirers signing a declaration on hiring the hall. The hire agreement will make it clear that safeguarding children and vulnerable adults is the hirers' responsibility.

2. Policy.

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

Procedure.

All allegations that come to one of us will be dealt with straight away either by direct referral to the Designated Safeguarding Officer Fiona Anderson, social services or the police as appears most appropriate and expedient.

3. Policy.

The policies and procedures will be regularly reviewed.

Procedure.

An annual review will be undertaken by end of April and it will be led by person/s named above. New committee members and volunteers will be provided with an understanding of their responsibilities in the matter of child protection.

4. Policy.

We will provide a safe environment for the young or vulnerable people who use the hall.

Procedure.

A risk assessment will be undertaken annually to ensure that the premises and procedures are in good and safe condition and fit for use by all ages and groups. Special consideration will be given to the needs of young and vulnerable persons. If faults are discovered, the committee will do its best to ensure a speedy resolution.

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