

Child And Vulnerable Adults Safeguarding Policy

Bramley Village Hall Trust

This statement of policy and procedures applies to users of, and activities in, Bramley Village Hall and any ancillary activities which are the responsibility of the Village Hall Trust.

This policy is in place to protect all children and vulnerable adults regardless of gender, ethnicity, disability, sexuality, religion or faith. This policy has been written using research and recommendation from government websites with careful consideration to our own village hall users.

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 Trust Management committee will endeavour to keep the premises safe for use.

No member of the Trustees, village hall staff, outside contractors, hirers or volunteers will have unsupervised access to children or vulnerable adults unless in possession of appropriate clearance such as DBS.

The Trust Management Committee will ensure that all hirers/users of the Hall are aware that any safeguarding of children or vulnerable adults is the responsibility of the hirers. Users, whether companies, charities or community groups, should have their own Safeguarding policy where children or vulnerable adults come into their care, or may do so. This policy should be available for inspection by the Village Hall Trust upon request.

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.

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 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.

In the event of a pandemic, e.g. Covid, we will adhere to Government regulations and ensure good practices are in place to mitigate and reduce the risk of infection and transmission of infection to Hall users.

Acceptance of the Village Hall's safeguarding policy is part of the agreed contract taken out on hiring the Hall.

Method of review: Ensure compliance within framework of any new laws and review and ensure policy is being followed.

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