



## **EAST KESWICK VILLAGE HALL**

### **CHILD AND VULNERABLE ADULTS SAFEGUARDING POLICY**

This statement of policy and procedures applies to users of, and activities in, East Keswick 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.

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, 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 made aware that safeguarding of children or vulnerable adults is the responsibility of the hirer/user.

Hirers need to be aware that Hall facilities such as the toilets or kitchen might be shared with other groups and users and that appropriate supervision/arrangements should be made.

The Trustees 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 any films shown when they are below the age classification of the film.

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 is available on the Village Hall website and will be displayed for the attention of everyone on the Hall premises. The policy will be reviewed on a regular basis.

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