

# **CHIPPERFIELD VILLAGE HALL**

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

This statement of policy and procedures applies to users of, and activities in, Chipperfield Village Hall and any ancillary activities which are the responsibility of the Village Hall. This policy is in place to protect all children and vulnerable adults regardless of gender, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, 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. If anyone has suspicions or concerns they should contact the non-emergency police line, currently 101. They should also inform the chairman of the Village Hall Committee.

The Trustees and Management Committee will endeavour to keep the premises safe for use.

Safeguarding of children or vulnerable adults during events and activities at the Hall is the responsibility of hirers or users of the Hall. The Trustees and Management Committee will ensure that all hirers/users of the Hall are aware of this, and aware that it is their responsibility to comply with relevant legislation, policy and guidance that seeks to safeguard children and vulnerable adults.

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

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 Trustees and 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.

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

This policy will be reviewed on a regular basis.