

Safeguarding Policy

Principles

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. The welfare of the child or vulnerable adult is paramount and is the responsibility of everyone. All people associated with the Village Hall and its use have a responsibility for the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults.

All staff and volunteers need to be aware of this policy, child protection and vulnerable adult issues.

There will be two trained, nominated and named Designated Safeguarding People on the Llanigon Village Hall Management Committee (LVHMC) to whom any suspicions or concerns should be reported.

They are Will Lloyd (07870 572 230) or Colin Lavelle (07737 421 703)

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

This statement of policy and procedures applies to users of, and activities in, Llanigon Village Hall and any ancillary activities which are the responsibility of the Village Hall Committee. This policy is in place to protect all children and vulnerable adults. The following steps will be taken to ensure safeguarding is effective:

- 1. No member of the Trustees, Llanigon Village Hall Management Committee, outside contractors, hirers or volunteers will have unsupervised access to children or vulnerable adults unless they have been through the safe recruitment procedure and introductory Child Protection and Vulnerable Adults Protection training.
- 2. The LVHMC will ensure that all hirers / users of the Hall are aware that safeguarding of children or vulnerable adults is the responsibility of the hirers.
- 3. Hirers need to be made aware that facilities such as the toilets might be shared with other groups and appropriate supervision / arrangements should be made.
- 4. The LVHMC 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.
- 5. The LVHMC 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 where use is made by small children, those who cannot read safety notices and physically disabled adults
- 6. The LVHMC will require hirers to report any damage, breakages or safety issues needing attention to the Booking Clerk or a member of the LVHMC who will inform the appropriate people. Such issues will be dealt with as soon as practicable in the light of the circumstances with provision to prevent access by children and vulnerable adults pending repair where appropriate.
- 7. Any organisations or individuals hiring the Hall for the purposes of holding activities where Ofsted registration is required to show their registration and their own Child Protection Policy to the Booking Clerk.
- 8. The LVHMC 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.



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- 9. The LVHMC will ensure that Hirers are aware that no children may be admitted to films when they are below the age classification for the film or show in question.
- 10. No gambling or entertainment of an adult or sexual nature shall be permitted on the premises.
- 11. These policies and procedures shall be reviewed annually and updated as appropriate in the interim period

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

Organised activities for the under 18s / vulnerable adults

- Any organisations or individuals hiring the hall as a venue for an event or activity for under 18s or vulnerable adults must ensure that they are fully cognisant of relevant and current safeguarding requirements.
- When using the Hall, they must adopt suitable procedures to ensure that they fully comply with the law, good practice and common sense including sufficient and appropriate levels of supervision at all times.
- The LVHMC reserves the right to require hirers to provide copies of their own safeguarding policies and procedures to give appropriate assurance as necessary.

Reporting your concerns

If you have any concerns about someone using the Hall or in the wider community, you are required by law to respond. These concerns could be 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.

You can report your concerns to a member of the Llanigon Village Hall Management Committee who will pass them on to the designated Safeguarding members of the Committee for action.

All suspicions or allegations of abuse against a child / vulnerable adult will be taken seriously and dealt with speedily and appropriately. You can also go directly to the appropriate authority:

For <u>child safeguarding concerns</u> in Powys, call the Powys Front Door Team on 01597 827666 (office hours) or 0345 054 4847 (out of hours), or email <u>csfrontdoor@powys.gov.uk</u>.

For adult safeguarding concerns, contact ASSIST on 0345 602 7050 or email assist@powys.gov.uk.

In an emergency, if you think the person is in immediate danger of harm, always call 999 and ask for the police.

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