



**The Elspeth J. Thompson Memorial Trust (Slyne-with-Hest
Church Hall)
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*Registered Charity No 1175313***

Safeguarding Policy – SwH Church Hall

Introduction

Nothing is more important than the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults. Whilst it is parents and carers who have primary care, any organisation working in this area has specific duties to safeguard and promote the safety and wellbeing of children, young people and vulnerable adults.

Safeguarding means protecting a person's right to live in safety, free from abuse and neglect, whether child, young or vulnerable adult. People have complex lives and being safe is only one of the things they want for themselves.

The Trustees do not, except as individuals and through other organisations, have direct contact with people in this group but does provide a place where they meet, under the guidance and control of other organisations. The Trustees recognise that they have a duty of care to all who come into and use the Hall, especially those who because of age, whether young or old, need additional care.

Our commitment

We are committed to:

- The care, nurture, and respectful treatment, of all children, young people and all adults;
- The safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and all adults.
- Establishing a safe, caring environment where victims of abuse can report or disclose abuse and where they can find support that contributes to the prevention of abuse

To this end:

- We will carefully select, support and train all with any responsibility within the Trust.
- We will respond without delay to every complaint made, that any adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- We will seek to offer informed care and support to anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an understanding the needs of those who have been abused, including their feelings of alienation and/or isolation.
- We will seek to protect survivors of abuse from further harm and abuse.
- We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of respect and responsibility, where they are trusted by others.
- We will seek to offer care and support, up to and including supervision and referral to the appropriate authorities, to any person coming into the Hall who is known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.

In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice.



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