

Safeguarding Policy: in relation to Children and Vulnerable Adults

Policy Statement

Introduction

The Glangrwyney Village Hall Management Committee want children and vulnerable adults to enjoy their involvement with the Village Hall in the same way that all other users can enjoy the facilities available.

This policy is aimed at the trustees of the charity, employees of the charity, village hall hirers and users including volunteers and leaders of any organisations using the Hall.

Through this Policy we aim to adopt the highest possible standards and take all reasonable steps in relation to the safety and welfare of children and vulnerable adults who come into contact with the Village Hall and the activities that take place within it.

It is impossible to ensure that no child or vulnerable adult ever comes to any harm while in contact with the Village Hall. However implementing this policy and following the guidelines will help users to take all reasonable steps to prevent harm occurring and ensuring that all necessary and statutory safeguarding procedures are in place.

The Glangrwyney Village Hall Management Committee expects users to apply this policy to all of their work with children and young people under the age of 18 years or where vulnerable adults are involved.

Under the terms and conditions of booking [see Booking Conditions] where the hirer is providing formal, organised and/or commercial activities for children and/or vulnerable adults, the hirer must ensure that they comply will all provisions and relevant legislation in relation to safeguarding as well as all other Health and Safety precautions. [As laid out in the Health and Safety Policy document.]

Only fit and proper persons, who have passed through the appropriate safeguarding checks, should have access to children and/or vulnerable adults. The Hirer shall provide the Glangrwyney Village Hall Management Committee with a copy of their Child Protection Policy and proof that all relevant legislation and safeguarding checks are in place, in relation to the type of activity or event planned.

Where Hirers are providing informal activities for children [for example birthday party celebrations] the parents and/or carers of children invited, should ensure that they are satisfied with the arrangements in relation to safeguarding, supervision and the provision of any outside bodies or agencies that are being used as part of the entertainment.

No children or vulnerable adults should be left on any part of the premises without proper supervision from an appropriate and responsible adult.

Any incident that relates to the safeguarding of children and/or vulnerable adults should be reported to the appropriate authorities in line with the relevant legislation and statutory guidelines and should also be reported immediately to any member of the Glangrwyney Village Hall Management Committee.

Review

This Safeguarding Policy will be reviewed by the Village Hall Management Committee annually at the first Management Committee Meeting following the Annual General Meeting. This will ensure that any newly elected Committee Members can become familiar with the contents of this policy.