



CHILD AND VULNERABLE ADULTS SAFEGUARDING POLICY

PRINCIPLES

The welfare of the child or vulnerable adult is paramount and is the responsibility of everyone. All children and vulnerable adults, without exception, have the right to protection from abuse, whether physical, verbal, bullying, exclusion or neglect. The Barking Village Hall Management Committee have a duty to safeguard children and vulnerable adults who use the hall and its facilities, and those who may come into contact with vulnerable users.

This policy will be reviewed on annually and updated as appropriate in the interim periods.

DEFINITION OF ABUSE

Abuse is described as “a violation of an individual’s human or civil rights by any other person or persons”

DEFINITION OF A VULNERABLE ADULT

A vulnerable adult is defined as a person who: “may be in need of services by reason of mental or other disability, age or illness: and who may not be able to take care of him or herself, or is unable to protect him or herself against significant harm or exploitation.”

This policy applies to all users of the hall and is in place to protect all vulnerable persons regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, disability, sexuality, religion or faith.

POLICY STATEMENT

- Any allegations made to the Committee of any incident that takes place on the hall site will be reported to the relevant authorities. The committee will not carry out any investigation, but will refer the matter to the police.
- Organisations hiring the hall for activities for children/vulnerable adults will be made aware of this policy and be asked to show their Child Protection/Vulnerable adults policy before the first booking commences. Any delegation by the hirer to other people to supervise the activities of the children/vulnerable adults is the responsibility of the hirer.
- A hiring agreement which includes appropriate clauses will be entered into for all hirings. The committee will ensure that the hire provisions are observed when holding any licensable activities.
- The only exception to the above is when the hall is hired out for a private children’s party. The Management Committee take no action to vet the person[s] hiring the hall for these one off events.

GENERAL POINTS

Barking Village Hall Management Committee do not supervise children or vulnerable adults and are therefore not required to have CRB checks as part of their function within the Committee.

Barking Village Hall,
Barking Tye
Ipswich, IP6 8JD
(Registered Charity No. 304704)