



*Eversley Village Hall (CIO)
Registered Charity 1212230*

EVERSLEY VILLAGE HALL

CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS SAFEGUARDING POLICY

This policy applies to all users of Eversley Village Hall, all activities held within the Hall, and any ancillary activities for which the Village Hall Management Committee is responsible.

It is designed to protect all children and vulnerable adults, regardless of gender, ethnicity, disability, sexuality, religion, or belief.

1. Policy Statement

The welfare of children and vulnerable adults is paramount.

Everyone using or involved with Eversley Village Hall shares responsibility for safeguarding and protecting them from harm. All children and vulnerable adults have the right to protection from all forms of abuse, including physical, emotional, sexual, discriminatory, bullying, exclusion, or neglect.

2. Responsibilities

- The Management Committee will take reasonable steps to maintain a safe environment within the Village Hall.
- No Trustee, Committee member, village hall staff member, contractor, hirer, or volunteer should have unsupervised access to children or vulnerable adults unless they have appropriate clearance (e.g., a valid DBS check).
- Hirers of the Hall are responsible for the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults attending their activities or events.
- Hirers must ensure adequate supervision at all times, especially as facilities such as toilets may be shared with other groups.

3. Legal Obligations

The Management Committee will ensure that all hirers understand their obligations under relevant legislation, including:

- **The Licensing Act 2003**, which prohibits:

- the sale of alcohol to persons under 18;
 - the admission of children to film screenings that are below their age classification.
- No gambling or entertainment of an adult or sexual nature is permitted on the premises.

4. Conditions of Hire

Acceptance of this safeguarding policy forms part of the contract entered into when hiring Eversley Village Hall.

Policy Review and Approval

- This policy will be reviewed annually by the Management Committee or sooner if legal or operational changes occur.
- Approved by: Eversley Village Hall Management Committee
Date: March 17th 2026

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