

CHILD AND VULNERABLE ADULTS SAFEGUARDING POLICY

This statement of policy and procedure applies to users of and activities in, Onecote Village Hall.

The Hall is managed by members of a Trust Committee. There are no activities specifically for children in the absence of a parent/carer. Likewise, there are no activities specifically for vulnerable adults but it is recognised that vulnerable adults may attend any activities open to adults.

This policy is in place to protect all children (those under 18 years of age) and vulnerable adults (a person over 18 years of age who is or may be in need of community care services by reason of mental or another disability, age or illness and who is or may be unable to take care of him or herself, or unable to protect him or herself against significant harm or exploitation), regardless of gender, ethnicity, disability, sexuality, religion or faith.

All children and vulnerable adults have the right to protection from abuse whether physical, verbal, psychological , sexual, bullying, exclusion or neglect.

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

The Trust Committee will ensure that all hirers/users of the Hall are aware that any safeguarding of children or vulnerable adults is the responsibility of the hirer. Acceptance of Onecote Village Hall's Safeguarding Policy is part of the agreed contract taken out on hiring the hall.

The Trust Committee 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. The Trust Committee 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. No gambling or entertainment of an adult or sexual nature shall be permitted on the premises

The Trust Committee will, following any disclosure or concern for a child or vulnerable adult in immediate danger:

- Advise the Trustee nominated as the Child and Vulnerable Person Protection Representative Kate Beresford 01538 304730. Their responsibility is to advise the Police and the Local Authority Child Protection and Vulnerable Adult teams. Details below.

The Trust Committee acknowledges that the welfare of the individual is paramount and privacy and confidentiality will be respected where possible.

A copy of this policy is available on the Village Hall website and will be displayed for the attention of all on the hall noticeboard. The policy will be reviewed on a regular basis.

For allegations involving children and young people

Phone: 0800 131 3126 (free from a land line)

Fax: 01785 854223

Text: 07773 792016

Online: [Visit Staffordshire County Council's Children & Family Services](#)

Report: www.staffordshire.gov.uk/reportconcern

Minicom: 01785 277309

Post: First Response Team, Wedgwood Building, Tipping Street Stafford, ST16 2DH

A trained member of staff will be available to help you between 8.30am - 5.00pm, Monday - Thursday and 8.30am - 4.30pm Fridays (excluding Bank Holidays). To report a concern outside of these hours, contact the Emergency Duty Service, details of which are below.

For allegations involving adults at risk of abuse and neglect

Phone: 0845 604 2719

Fax: 01785 276026

Email: VAStaffordshire@staffordshire.gov.uk

A trained member of staff will be available to help you between 8.30am - 5.00pm, Monday - Thursday (excluding Bank Holidays) and 8.30am - 4.30pm on Friday.