



# Chelveston Village Hall

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## Vulnerable Persons 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, sexual, bullying, exclusion or neglect. Bullying, shouting, physical violence, sexism and racism towards children will not be permitted or tolerated.

### General Statement of Policy

Chelveston Village Hall Committee members, have a duty to put in place policies and procedures that safeguard vulnerable users of the hall and its premises and those who may come into contact with vulnerable users. This policy is in place to protect all vulnerable persons regardless of gender, ethnicity, disability, sexuality, religion or faith.

### Compliance with the Children Act 1989

The Hirer shall ensure that any activities for children under eight years of age comply with the provisions of The Children Act of 1989 and that only fit and proper persons who have passed the appropriate Criminal Records Bureau checks have access to the children (checks may also apply where children over eight and vulnerable adults are taking part in activities). The Hirer shall provide the Village Hall committee with a copy of their Child Protection Policy on request

### Detailed Policy Statements

- a) None of the Trustees or Committee Members will have unsupervised access to children or vulnerable adults unless they have been through the safe recruitment procedure and introductory Child Protection or Vulnerable Adults Protection training.
- b) The Management Committee will endeavour to keep the premises safe for use by children and vulnerable adults. The committee recognises that a higher standard of safety is required where use is made by small children, those who cannot read safety notices and physically disabled adults.
- c) Any organisations or individuals hiring the hall for the purposes of holding activities where Ofsted registration is required should display their registration and their own Child Protection Policy whilst hiring the hall.
- d) The hall will not be used overnight by any users under the age of 18 unless the hirer and/or responsible adult have been through the safe recruitment procedure and introductory Child Protection Protection training.
- e) All suspicions or allegations of abuse against a child or a vulnerable adult should be reported to the Clerk. Reports be taken seriously and dealt with speedily and appropriately.

Adopted by the Management Committee 7<sup>th</sup> June 2012