
Taynton and Tibberton Village Hall

Safeguarding Policy

This statement of policy and procedures applies to users of, and activities in, Taynton and Tibberton Village Hall and Recreational Ground (The Village Hall) and any ancillary activities which are the responsibility of the Village Hall Management Committee.

This policy is in place to protect all children and vulnerable adults regardless of gender, ethnicity, disability, sexuality, religion or faith.

Principles:

The welfare of the child or vulnerable adult is paramount and is the responsibility of everyone. All children and vulnerable adults 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.

All people associated with The Village Hall and its use have a responsibility for the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults.

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

Policy Statement:

- No member of the Management Committee, staff, outside contractors, helpers or other volunteers, will have unsupervised access to children or vulnerable adults unless they have been appropriately vetted and trained.
- Any organisations or individuals hiring the Hall for the purposes of holding activities where DBS registration is required should show their registration and their own Child Protection Policy.
- The Management 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 hirers.
- Hirers need to be aware that facilities such as the toilets might be shared with other groups and that appropriate supervision/arrangements should be made.
- The 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 and that no children may be admitted to films when they are below the age classification for the film or show. No licensed gambling or entertainment of an adult or sexual nature shall be permitted on the premises.
- Acceptance of the Village Hall's safeguarding policy is part of the agreed contract taken out on hiring the Hall.

A copy of this policy is available on the Village Hall website. The policy will be reviewed on a regular basis.