

BRYMPTON PARISH COUNCIL DOCUMENT 10

SAFEGUARDING POLICY & GUIDANCE

PURPOSE:

This document has been created by the Brympton Parish Council (referred to herein as BPC), to ensure that members of staff, volunteers and user groups hiring council managed premises (specifically Lufton Community Hall), know what is required to protect and keep children and vulnerable adults safe from harm because of physical, sexual or emotional abuse.

This will be achieved by providing staff, volunteers, and user groups with the guiding principles that dictate the BPC approach to child protection.

These guidelines will help to maintain a safe and positive environment for children and adults.

SCOPE:

Whilst the BPC acknowledge responsibility to understand and have awareness of Safeguarding issues, the BPC has a very limited engagement, and does/will not, lead activities with young and or vulnerable people.

Any organisation supported or sponsored by BPC will be required to be fully compliant with all Safeguarding legislation as well as these BPC guidelines.

1: POLICY GUIDELINES

As lease holders of Lufton Community Hall, the BPC acknowledges that any user group who engage with young people or vulnerable adults are required to:

- a. Hold a validated safeguarding policy.
- b. Nominate a Safeguarding lead.
- c. Hold current DBS certification.
- d. Hold a complete and up to date risk assessment of the group's activities.
- e. Show that safeguarding training is completed prior to start date and then refreshed on a 12 monthly basis.

1.1 Definitions

- a. **Safeguarding:** A term used to describe how we protect adults and children from abuse or neglect. It is an important shared priority of many public services, and a key responsibility of local authorities. Essentially, it means protecting a citizen's health,

wellbeing and human rights; enabling them to live free from harm, abuse and neglect

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Safeguarding is about protecting certain people who may be in vulnerable circumstances. These people may be at risk of abuse or neglect due to the actions (or lack of action) of another person. In these cases, it is vital that public services work together to identify people at risk, and put steps in place to help prevent abuse or neglect

b. Vulnerable Adult: Anyone over 18 years who is unable to care for themselves; unable to protect themselves from significant harm or exploitation; or may need community care services

c. Children and young people: Anyone under the age of 18 years.

1.2 To whom this policy applies

- a. Anyone working for or on behalf of the BPC whether in a paid, voluntary or commissioned capacity.
- b. User groups who engage with young people and/or vulnerable adults.

2: OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS

2.1 Working together to safeguard Children DfE 2018

Keeping Children Safe in Education DfE 2019 Keeping Children safe in out of school settings: code of practice 2020

Safeguarding Vulnerable groups Act 2006 Children and families Act 2014

NSPCC Introductory Guide to Safeguarding and Child Protection for the Voluntary and Community Sector

NSPCC Safeguarding Standards and Guidance 2021

SD8 Office of the Public Guardian – Safeguarding Policy

Somerset Safeguarding Adults Board

2.2 Report a safeguarding concern

If you are worried about a vulnerable adult, please don't stay silent. More information and contact details can be found on the website of the Somerset Safeguarding Adults Board <https://ssab.safeguardingsomerset.org.uk/contact-us/>

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