

## **Winston Village Hall Management Committee**

### **CHILD AND VULNERABLE ADULTS PROTECTION POLICY**

**PHILOSOPHY:** Winston Village Hall Management Committee (WVHMC) believes that every young person and vulnerable adult, regardless of age or circumstance, has a right to be protected from harm and to feel safe and respected.

#### **PRINCIPLES:**

- To ensure that any activities organised or sponsored by hirers of accommodation provided by WVHMC involving young people and vulnerable adults provide an environment where they feel secure and valued.
- To require any regular or commercial hirer who has contact with children and vulnerable adults to have their own child protection policy and procedures in place.
- To ensure that clear procedures are in place whereby signs of abuse can be recognised and appropriate actions taken.
- To ensure that procedures are in place for the protection of persons associated with WVHMC who are in contact with young people and vulnerable adults.

#### **PROCEDURES:**

- Display this notice prominently and the name and details of the committee member who should be contacted where there are concerns (see below).
- Ensure that policies and procedures relating to child and vulnerable adults issues are in place for the Village Hall and in groups that children and vulnerable adults not accompanied by their parents/carers may attend.
- Where appropriate remind hirers of their obligations and responsibilities and the need for them to have effective protection policies in place.
- Ensure all appropriate employed staff, users and volunteers have appropriate Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks and that their continuing suitability is monitored.
- Follow guidelines laid down by OFSTED and Durham County Council especially with regard to supporting young people and vulnerable adults, and the recording and reporting of incidents.
- Our Child and Vulnerable Policies and procedures will be reviewed by Committee members/Trustees every 3 years and will be monitored annually

**PLEASE CONTACT Annie Dolphin Village Hall Secretary on 01325 730912 if there are any concerns about protection issues**