



# LORD PIRBRIGHT'S HALL

## **SAFEGUARDING POLICY\***

### **SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN and VULNERABLE ADULTS**

#### **Objective**

The welfare of all children and vulnerable adults is of paramount importance to the Lord Pirbright's Hall Managing Trustees Committee, which has a duty to ensure all children, young people and vulnerable adults who use the Hall & its facilities, are safeguarded, in accordance with the Children's Act 1989 & 2004, Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 and any subsequent legislation.

This duty of care applies both at functions and events organised by the Managing Trustees Committee or at functions and events organised by an individual, a group, a club or a company.

The objective of this document is to define how all vulnerable persons are protected within the Hall, regardless of their age, gender, ethnicity, religion, faith or sexuality.

#### **Policy**

All suspicions or allegations of abuse against a child or a vulnerable adult will be taken seriously and will be dealt with appropriately and speed by the Managing Trustees Committee.

The Hall's Managing Trustees Committee does not supervise children or vulnerable adults as part of its normal function as Committee members.

#### **Procedure**

The Chairman of the Hall Managing Committee is the named member of the Management Committee to whom all related comments or allegations should be forwarded.

All groups or individuals who hire the Hall will, if their activities involve children and/or vulnerable adults, need to comply with the requirements for safeguarding and it is the responsibility of the organisers of these groups to ensure they comply and have all the appropriate policies and procedures in place. Each group should have its own safeguarding policy, irrespective of the frequency at which it hires the Hall. When requested, you must provide us with a copy of your Safeguarding policy and evidence that you have carried out relevant checks through the Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS).

If the Committee decide to organise an event that includes children, it must be stated that children must be accompanied by parents or guardians. Therefore, DBS checks will not be required unless the Managing Committee members are requested to have unsupervised access to children or vulnerable adults.

All groups of individuals who hire Lord Pirbright's Hall must indicate their adherence to appropriate Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults policies on their hire agreement. This policy will be reviewed on a regular basis at the AGM and/or when changes occur in National Legislation.

New members of the Managing Trustees Committee will be provided with an understanding of their responsibilities in line with this policy.

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