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Policy for Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults

1 Safeguarding Policy

Ripley Village Hall is a community facility that provides rentable space for groups of children and adults for a variety of activities.

This statement of policy applies to users of, and activities in, Ripley Village Hall and adheres to the following guidelines and legislation – The Children’s Act 2004, Childcare Act 2006, Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006.

1.1 The purpose of this policy is to:

- Protect children and young people who receive services or attend activities at Ripley Village Hall. This includes the children of adults who use the Hall.
- Protect vulnerable adults who receive services or attend activities at Ripley Village Hall.
- Provide the Trustees, event and activity organisers, staff and volunteers with the overarching principles that guide our approach to Safeguarding and child protection.

1.2 Ripley Village Hall has a duty of care and aims to provide a safe and secure venue for a range of services, activities and events. The Board of Trustees recognise the importance of ensuring the safeguarding and welfare of all users of the Hall.

1.3 This policy is made available to all adults who use the Hall for any activities, including those who run events or activities on behalf of the Trustees. In most cases children will be accompanied by an adult (a parent or carer), who will take responsibility for them. Young people, (defined as secondary school age or above for the purposes of this policy) are more likely to attend on their own. Vulnerable Adults may attend activities independently and may need additional protection accordingly.

1.4 This policy includes Safeguarding Procedures, Child and Adult Protection Procedures, Recruitment and Whistle Blowing.

1.5 The Trustees are committed to ensure that robust safeguards are in place, that policies and procedures are current and fit for purpose, regular staff training is carried out and that complaints are investigated and handled promptly, efficiently, sensitively and without fear or favour.

- 1.6 The Trustees are committed to ensure that in accordance with the Equality Act 2010, that all vulnerable persons have the same protection, regardless of their age, disability, gender, racial heritage, religious belief, sexual orientation or identity.
- 1.7 Enquiries about the operation of this policy may be made in the first instance to Trish White, Ripley Village Hall Administrator at info@ripleyvillagehall.org.co.uk.

Safeguarding policies are subject to annual review and the procedures are updated as and when necessary, (i.e. when regulations or recommendations change or in the light of any case reviews).



Signed:

G Haig-Brown
On behalf of the Trustees

Date: January 2023

Further advice and support

At any stage you may wish to seek further advice or support from the following sources:

Child Protection: NSPCC – www.nspcc.org.uk or 0116 234 7223

NSPCC Child Protection Helpline – 0808 800 5000

Criminal Records Bureau – www.disclosure.gov.uk

Save the Children – www.scfuk.org.uk Early Years Partnerships – based in County Council Social Services depts.

Vulnerable Adults Protection: Action on Elder Abuse – helpline 0808 808 814

Next Review Date Jan 2024