

Shillington Village Hall Management Committee

Registered Charity no: 300066

Safeguarding Statement

Introduction

The Village Hall Foundation was originally established as the Hanscombe Memorial Hall in January 1921. In December 1969, an Administration and Title for the Foundation and its endowment was established as a charity under the title of Shillington Village Hall (the Charity).

The object of the Foundation is the provision and maintenance of a village hall for the use of the inhabitants of Shillington and the neighbourhood without distinction of political, religious or other opinions, including use for meetings, lectures and classes and for other forms of recreation and leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

The Committee of Management (the Committee) are responsible for; the application of income, investment of any surplus cash, making and altering rules (within the limits prescribed in the Scheme), conducting meetings and holding an Annual General Meeting, vesting of property and acceptance of donations.

Shillington Village Hall is a local charity that operates from 35 High Road, Shillington, Bedfordshire, for the local community to use and hires out the premises to other organisations and individuals. Shillington Village Hall is committed to safeguarding the fundamental right of children, young people and vulnerable adults to be protected from harm.

Hirers must ensure that they take all reasonable steps possible to ensure that the activity they operate under their hire agreement at Shillington Village Hall is conducted in such a way that children, young people and vulnerable adults are kept safe from abuse. Hirers must ensure that their safeguarding procedures and knowledge are up to date.

Organisations working with children, young people and vulnerable adults who hire Shillington Village Hall will be asked to sign a declaration that they have an appropriate safeguarding policy in place. This must include:

- A process for reporting any suspected incident, allegation or other manifestation related to child and vulnerable adult protection;
- Appropriate DBS checking for qualifying staff and volunteers;

Any club, society, organisation or individual working with children, young people and/or vulnerable adults that do not operate under an appropriate safeguarding policy will be refused permission to hire Shillington Village Hall. Any club, society, organisation or individuals working with children, young people and/or vulnerable adults may be subject to random spot checks to ensure a policy has been implemented.

The safety and protection of all vulnerable people at Shillington Village Hall is paramount and has priority over all other interests unless life is at imminent risk.

Responsibility

Overall responsibility for this statement/policy and its implementation lies with the management committee of the Village Hall Charity.

Review

This statement/policy is reviewed annually and updated as required.

How to contact us:

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