

## Thurgarton Village Hall: Safeguarding Policy

Thurgarton Village Hall intends to create an environment in which children and vulnerable adults are safe from abuse and in which any safeguarding concerns are promptly and appropriately responded to. Whilst the Thurgarton Community Association (TCA) do not normally run any children's club or activity, and do not normally have unaccompanied contact with children or vulnerable adults, under the auspices of the Village Hall, they will comply with this policy where applicable and require that every hirer whose hire involves children or vulnerable adults has a policy that complies with current safeguarding legislation and the requirements set out below. Any staff employed by the TCA shall comply with this policy.

In order to achieve a safe environment for children and vulnerable adults the TCA will:

1. Ensure all relevant hirers have a current Safeguarding Policy

*The TCA require all hirers working with children or vulnerable adults on a regular basis to have an approved safeguarding policy. This must include appropriate provisions to ensure that:*

- *good safeguarding working practices are applied*
- *known perpetrators are excluded*
- *appropriate training is provided for paid staff and volunteers*
- *Safeguarding concerns are reported and followed up appropriately and promptly*
- *appropriate records are maintained*

*Occasional hirers, e.g. for children's parties, do not require their own approved policy but will need to observe the requirements of this policy.*

2. Ensure all relevant people have a current Disclosure and Barring Service check

*The TCA require that anyone who has unaccompanied contact with children or vulnerable adults at the Village Hall, other than a parent / carer, shall hold a current enhanced DBS check.*

### 3. Respond appropriately to all safeguarding concerns.

*Where abuse is suspected, depending on the circumstances parents / carers shall normally be the first point of reference, though any safeguarding concerns will also be referred where appropriate to:*

- *If a child or vulnerable person is in immediate danger, call the police on 999*
- *Nottinghamshire's Multi- Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)*

*Whenever a parent or carer is suspected of being involved in abuse Nottinghamshire's MASH will be the first point of reference. All concerns and investigations will be kept confidential and shared only with those who need to know. Confidential records will be kept of the allegation and of all subsequent proceedings.*

How to contact the Nottinghamshire MASH?

*Telephone 0300 500 8090 during the following hours: 8.30 am - 5.00 pm - Monday to Thursday 8.30 am - 4.30 pm – Friday*

*In an emergency, outside of these hours contact: The Emergency Duty Team (EDT) on 0300 456 4546*

### 4. Appoint a Committee member responsible for Child Protection

*The Thurgarton Community Association Committee member responsible for Child Protection matters is Helen Hallam, Secretary tel 07484 706401.*

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