

# Child/ Vulnerable Adult Safeguarding Policy

- Blue Bell Hill Village Hall Management Committee believe that children and vulnerable adults have the right to be secure and free from the fear and reality of abuse.
- The committee insist that any adult working with children or vulnerable adults (elderly, mentally and/or physically disabled), or who have unsupervised access, must have a current, satisfactory **CRB check** in place.
- It is the hirer's responsibility to ensure that these are in place **before** the hiring takes place. The management committee may ask to see evidence of this. It is the hirer's responsibility to ensure that anyone who has not had this check is **never** left alone with a child or vulnerable adult.
- Hirers **must** satisfy themselves that the premises and facilities are **suitable** for their needs.
- The committee attaches a guidance note relating to arrangements for private events (**page 13**). Please note the hire agreement can only be signed by persons over 18 years of age.
- In the event of a child or vulnerable adult not being collected after an event, the **responsibility** of dealing with the situation rests solely with the **hirer**, who if necessary must seek advice or involvement from the authorities or Police.
- Any allegations of any incident that take place on the hall site that are made to the committee will be reported to the relevant authorities. The committee will not carry out any investigation, but will refer the matter to the police.