



## **SAFEGUARDING POLICY**

**PHILOSOPHY:** Every child and vulnerable adult irrespective of their age, culture, disability, gender, language, racial origin, socio-economic status, religious belief and/ or sexual orientation vulnerable person, regardless of age or circumstance, has a right to be protected from harm and to feel safe and protected.

### **DEFINITIONS:**

- The term child, or young person, is used to refer to anyone under the age of 18 years.
- The term vulnerable adult includes people with learning disabilities, older people, people with physical or sensory disabilities, people with mental ill health, people with physical illnesses and people with drug/alcohol problems.

### **OBJECTIVES:**

- All hirers of Godalming Town Council community premises organising activities or events are to provide an environment where all participants feel secure and valued.
- All hirers organising activities for children/vulnerable adults on a regular, commercial or educational basis are to have a safeguarding policy.
- Procedures are in place for the protection of Godalming Town Council employees and volunteer workers.

### **PROCEDURES:**

- Godalming Town Council is to have a named Safeguarding Officer.
- Contact details for the Safeguarding Officer are to be clearly displayed at all GTC community buildings and on its website.
- Terms and conditions for hirers organising activities for children/vulnerable adults on a regular, commercial or educational basis are to include a requirement to have a safeguarding policy.
- All incidents or concerns related to safeguarding reported to the GTC Safeguarding Officer are to be treated seriously and managed in accordance with Surrey County Council MASH safeguarding policies.

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