

CREECH ST MICHAEL VILLAGE HALL

CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE PERSONS POLICY

Creech St Michael Village Hall believes that every child, young person and vulnerable adult, regardless of their age or circumstance, has the right to be protected from harm and feel safe and respected.

The Creech St Michael Village Hall recognises that the majority of children and vulnerable adults visiting or using the Hall will each be accompanied by their parent/guardian or will be supervised by a responsible adult nominated by their parent/guardian. Unaccompanied children are not the responsibility of the Trust.

Hirers (user groups), who use Creech St Michael Village Hall hold the prime responsibility for the welfare of children and/or vulnerable persons participating in their activities. Hirers will be made aware of Creech St Michael Village Hall's policy and, where appropriate, will be required to have acceptable children/vulnerable persons' protection policies and evidence of training which they may be required to produce (sports clubs, holiday clubs, church related events etc.).

Adults booking private parties for children will be made aware of their responsibility to ensure children and young people are supervised as required by the Hire Agreement. They will also be responsible for ensuring that permission from parents or guardians has been granted for the activities and actions planned.

Children attending Creech St Michael Village Hall to be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Actions

- Equipment will be checked regularly and records kept.
- All community users will be encouraged to report any safety concerns in the Hall immediately, so action can be taken.
- Any incidents concerning children on the premises must be reported to the committee within 24hrs. Action taken to be agreed by the Hirer and Creech St Michael Village Hall
- Policies reviewed and, if necessary, contact made with Local Authority Child Protection.
- Creech St Michael Village Hall will ensure that all Hirers are fully aware of the law relating to the prohibition of sale and/or supply of alcohol to persons under 18 years of age.
- Regular reviewing of this and relevant policies (Hire Agreement, Health & Safety).

It is recommended that the Management Committee should review this policy on an Annual Basis and therefore it will be an Agenda item at a Committee Meeting to be held before each AGM