

MONYASH PARISH COUNCIL
SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND VULNERABLE ADULTS
SAFEGUARDING POLICY

Policy Statement

Everyone has a duty to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults. This policy promotes good practice in safeguarding those who use Parish Council facilities.

Definitions.

Children and young people are anyone under the age of 18.

Vulnerable adults are anyone over 18 who is:

- Unable to care for themselves
- Unable to protect themselves from significant harm or exploitation.
- Or may be in need of Community Care Services.

To whom this policy applies

This policy applies to anyone working for the Parish Council or are contracted to work for the them. This may be in a paid or volunteer capacity. This policy also applies to Parish Councillors.

It applies to anyone leasing, hiring or using Parish Council facilities the purpose of delivering any service to children, young people or vulnerable adults.

Promoting a safe environment

To promote a safe environment for children, young people or vulnerable adults the Parish Council will:

- Provide safe facilities and undertake regular safety assessments.
- The Council will ensure that employees, Councillors and leaders of activities using Parish Council facilities are aware of these safeguarding expectations.
- Members of staff and volunteers who have regular access to children, young people and vulnerable adults must undergo appropriate Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks before commencement of such duties.

Expectations of behaviour.

All users of Parish Council facilities should:

- Ensure that all behaviour and interaction is appropriate and professional
- Treat each other with respect.
- Refrain from any behaviour which involves racism, sexism, homophobia and report any incidents to the Chair of the Council or the Parish Clerk.

Hiring of Parish Council facilities

The Parish Council will require the hirer to:

- Have public liability insurance
- Have a suitable safeguarding policy
- Ensure that they are aware of the Parish Council policy
- Ensure that leaders have valid DBS checks as appropriate
- Have risk assessment for individual facilities

This policy was agreed at a Parish Council meeting held on the 6th January 2025