

# MARCHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults Policy

Everyone has a duty to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults. Marchington Parish Council is committed to ensuring that children and adults are protected from harm whilst they are using the Parish Council facilities described within this policy.

This policy applies to:

anyone working for or on behalf of the Parish Council whether in a paid, voluntary or commissioned capacity.

The children's play areas and football fields situated at Silver Lane and Forest side Marchington, are owned by Marchington Parish Council. The land on which Marchington Village Hall is built is owned by the Parish Council. The Village Hall has a Management Committee of Trustees, who are responsible for the day to day running of the hall and its long-term viability.

Marchington Parish Council has no specific person, either Councillors or staff members who are involved in the care of children or adults at the facilities listed above, but will ensure that, should a concern arise, the correct procedures related to this policy are followed.

### **DEFINITIONS:**

#### **Children and young people:**

- Anyone under the age of 18 years

#### **Vulnerable Adult:**

- Anyone over 18 who is:
- Unable to care for themselves
- Unable to protect themselves from significant harm or exploitation
- Or may need community care services

#### **Safeguarding**

- Essentially, protecting children and adults at risk from ill treatment and harm.

### **SAFE ENVIRONMENT**

In order to promote a safe environment for children, young people and vulnerable adults, the Parish Council will:

- Provide safe facilities and ensure regular safety assessments are undertaken.
- Ensure that employees, Councillors and leaders of activities using parish council facilities, are aware of safeguarding expectations.
- Display on notice boards the relevant safeguarding contacts for advice and help.

### **CODE OF CONDUCT FOR USERS OF PARISH COUNCIL FACILITIES**

- Treat each other with respect.
- Show consideration for other groups using the facilities.
- Treat the facilities provided with due care and respect.
- Provide an example of good conduct that you wish others to follow.
- Refrain from any behaviour that involves racism, sexism and bullying and in addition to report any instances of such behaviour to group leaders, Parish Councillors, the Parish Clerk or parents and carers, as appropriate.

## SAFEGUARDING CONTACT DETAILS

Contact	Telephone
Safeguarding Children Staffordshire County Council <a href="http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/reportconcern">www.staffordshire.gov.uk/reportconcern</a>	Phone: 0800 131 3126 (free from a landline) Monday - Thursday* 8:30am - 5pm Friday: 8:30am - 4:30pm *Excludes bank holidays Out of Hours: 0345 604 2886 (for emergencies only)
Safeguarding Adults Staffordshire County Council <a href="http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/reportconcern">www.staffordshire.gov.uk/reportconcern</a>	Phone: 0345 604 2719 Monday - Thursday* 8:30am - 5pm Friday: 8:30am - 4:30pm *Excludes Bank Holidays Out of hours: 0345 604 2886 (for emergencies only)
NSPCC	0808 800 5000

If you think a child, young person or vulnerable adult is in immediate danger – don't delay call the police on 999