

HARDWICK PARISH COUNCIL'S CHILD PROTECTION STATEMENT

All organisations that receive Council funding or access to the Council's land or facilities must have an active child protection policy which details:

- Policy Statement/aims
- Promoting good practice
- Good practice guidelines
- Use of photographic/filming equipment
- Recruitment and training of staff and volunteers
- Responding to allegations or suspicions

All sporting organisations which make provision for children and young people or contractors which are authorised to undertake grass cutting or other maintenance work on Council land must ensure that they have a policy in place which identifies that:

- The welfare of the child is paramount;
- All children, whatever their age, culture, disability, gender, language, racial origin religious beliefs and/or sexual identity have the right to protection from abuse;
- All suspicions and allegations of abuse will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately;
- All staff (paid/unpaid) have a responsibility to report concerns to the appropriate officer.

The Parish Council has a duty of care to safeguard all children using its facilities from harm. All children have a right to protection, and the needs of disabled children and others who may be particularly vulnerable must be taken into account. The Parish Council will ensure the safety and protection of all children by ensuring that authorized users of its land and facilities and also its contractors have appropriate child protection policies in place.

NB A child is defined as a person under the age of 18 (The Children Act 1989).