

WEST CREWKERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Incorporating Clapton, Hewish, Woolminstone, Roundham & Henley Manor

Safeguarding Statement

It's vital that everyone who works with children and young or vulnerable people understand the duties involved in safeguarding, whether it's in a youth council, theatre, or other type of premises.

Safeguarding requires the full commitment of the council and all staff; we all have a responsibility to help keep children and vulnerable people safe.

It's crucial that councils working with children, young, or vulnerable people ensure they have up to date safeguarding policies and procedures in place. It is also necessary to have a trained designated safeguarding lead (DSL). In the first instance this is usually the clerk, but it could be another appropriate person. The DSL will coordinate and oversee safeguarding procedures, as well as act as a first point of contact for anyone with concerns.

Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks might be needed for staff, councillors, or volunteers who work with children, young, or vulnerable people. Please read [NALC's LTN 86](#) NALC's LTN 86 for further information about DBS checks. [Spark Somerset](#) is registered with the DBS and can carry out checks on behalf of local councils at an affordable cost.

- See the [NSPCC Website](#) for extensive information about safeguarding, including a role description of a DSL.
- The [Somerset Safeguarding Children Partnership website](#) provides information about safeguarding in Somerset and lists training events for those involved with managing safeguarding in the council

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Signed: Chairman