

**Annual Report on Safeguarding to the Parish of Chidham 2019**  
**Parish Safeguarding Officer Alyzn Johnson**

Major national policy and practice legislation on Safeguarding and a revised Bishop's Safeguarding Parish Handbook has led to this being a very busy year for parish church safeguarding officers and the Safeguarding Trainers. Safeguarding training for members of the parish and diocese has been delivered by me using the national C1 material arranged by the Diocese Safeguarding team. These sessions have welcomed members from other churches and have taken place in St Wilfrid's and other settings around the Deanery.

I have updated my training at with the Diocese Safeguarding Team at Church House several times throughout the year. In November the cathedral held a thank you service for the eleven voluntary trainers when we were presented with a pen by Bishop Mark.

Safeguarding files containing relevant information, policies and procedures and copies of recent risk assessments have been updated.

Annual safeguarding policies for both children and adults were extensively updated and expanded and approved by our PCC and can now be found via a link on the local website church page. These policies are also available in both St Wilfrid's and St Mary's churches in the Safeguarding Files. The updated policies we have to have for our parish are 'Parish Safeguarding Procedures and Practice Guidelines', 'Whistleblowing Policy and Guidelines', 'E Safety Guidelines', 'Behaviour Guidelines', 'Responding to Allegations', and agreement documents for any external organisation that wants to use our facilities for children's activities.

Updating our knowledge, policy and practice remains essential to help protect all those in our church community. To enable this to happen people who have already been trained are urged to remain up to date by renewing their training every five years. The parish is part of the diocesan Simple Quality Protects scheme organised by Colin Perkins and Morag Keane who run the diocese safeguarding team.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have undergone safeguarding training or DBS checking to enable our young and vulnerable members of the community to participate in church activities. Your commitment is truly appreciated by the Church Wardens and members of the PCC.

**Alyzn Johnson April 2019**