

# Safeguarding Policy

## for Advertising and Articles in the Horning Reach Parish Paper

The editor(s) of the Horning Reach are committed to promoting the welfare and safety of Children, young people and vulnerable adults. We recognise our responsibility to ensure that advertisements and articles published in the magazine do not expose Children, young people and vulnerable adults to undue risk.

### 1. Scope

This policy applies to all advertisements or articles for events, activities, or services that are:

- Specifically aimed at Children, young people and vulnerable adults.
- Likely to involve their participation.

### 2. Safeguarding Expectation

We will only accept advertisements or articles for activities involving Children, young people and vulnerable adults, where the organiser confirms that appropriate safeguarding measures are in place.

### 3. Required Assurances

Advertisers promoting activities for Children, young people and vulnerable adults may be asked to confirm that:

- Suitable safeguarding arrangements are in place for the event or activity;
- Adults responsible for supervising children and vulnerable people are appropriately vetted (e.g. DBS-checked where required);
- A responsible person is in charge of the activity;
- Appropriate insurance (e.g. public liability) is held where relevant.

Confirmation may be provided in writing (including by email). The Horning Reach may not require formal documentation but expects honest and accurate assurances.

### 4. Higher-Risk Activities

Additional care will be taken where activities involve Children, young people and vulnerable adults attending without a parent or guardian (e.g. drop-off events, clubs, trips). In such cases, the editors may request further information before accepting an advertisement.

### 5. Editorial Discretion

The editors reserve the right to decline any advertisement where:

- Sufficient safeguarding assurance is not provided
- There are concerns about the safety or suitability of the activity.
- The organiser is vague, defensive or unwilling to answer basic safeguarding questions

### 6. Disclaimer

The inclusion of an advertisement does not constitute endorsement by St Benedict's PCC, The Horning Reach or the parish. Parents and guardians remain responsible for satisfying themselves as to the suitability and safeguarding arrangements of any advertised activity.

### 7. Review

This policy will be reviewed periodically and in line with any relevant parish or diocesan safeguarding guidance.