

St Mary Magdalene, Cowden

SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

As members of this PCC we are committed to the safeguarding, care and nurture of all our members.

We recognise that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. We are committed to:

- Creating and promoting a safe caring environment and culture for all.
- Implementing all safeguarding policies and practice guidance issued by the House of Bishops.
- Recruiting, training and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children, young people and vulnerable adults within the church.
- Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation.
- Listening to and take seriously all those who disclose abuse.
- Co-operating fully with statutory agencies during any investigation.
- Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse and other affected persons.
- Responding to those that may pose a present risk to others whilst maintaining appropriate confidentiality and the safety of all parties.

We will:

- Have a named Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) to work with the incumbent and the PCC to implement policy and procedures.
- Display in church premises the details of who to contact if there are safeguarding concerns or support needs.
- Review the implementation of the Safeguarding Policy, Procedures and Practices at least annually.


Each person who works within this church community will agree to abide by this policy.

Our **Parish Safeguarding Officer** is: Hilary Clarkson - cowdenchurchwarden@btinternet.com or hilarvclarkson27@icloud.com 01342 851495

Our **Associate Vicar** is:

Reverend Stephen Hills hills.rectory@yahoo.co.uk 07896 971723.

The following policy was agreed at the Parochial Church Council (PCC) meeting held on 23rd March 2026

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