

Annual Safeguarding Report for the Parishes of Hentland with Hoarwithy PCC 2025/2026

There have been no matters of safeguarding in the two parishes that have been brought to my attention since the last APCM.

An action plan for the parish via the 'dashboard' has been updated.

Anyone who carries out a church officer role, is expected to undertake safeguarding training to a defined level dependent on the nature of that role. The vast majority of people at a parish level are only required to undertake, basic (C0) and foundation (C1) levels of safeguarding training. A number of members undertook this training at St Weonards church in January 2025. In addition, all PCC members need to undertake a DBS check, as you will be aware there was a data breach and we now have a new provider thirtyone:eight. The Diocese has not been able to provide details of DBS checks previously undertaken therefore everyone will be invited to complete a DBS check unless an in-date certificate can be provided.

Every PCC should adopt a "Promoting a Safe Church" policy and display a notice to this effect in a prominent place in the church, this we did in April 2019 and have updated with pertinent information, so are compliant.

Recruitment and trustee eligibility declaration process for PCC Members Anybody serving on the PCC (Parochial Church Council) must be re-elected back into that position on a yearly basis. All elected members must also fill out and sign a PCC Member Trustee Eligibility Declaration Form.

As far as safeguarding on a local level is concerned, I have had no reports that anyone requires support. As ever if anyone has any concerns, please do contact me.

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