

Next Review date May 2027

The Benefice of Seaham & Dawdon

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

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THE SOCIETY OF S WILFRID & S HILDA IN THE EPISCOPAL CARE OF THE BISHOP OF BEVERLEY

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

SAFEGUARDING

POLICY

PROMOTING A SAFER CHURCH

The following policy was agreed by the PCC of the Benefice of Seaham & Dawdon at a meeting held on 1st May 2026. In accordance with the Church of England's Safeguarding Policy the PCC's are committed to:

- Promoting a Safer Church environment and culture
- Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility relating to children, young people and vulnerable adults within the Church
- Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation
- Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse and other affected persons
- Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns or allegations of abuse and other affected persons
- Responding to those that may pose a present risk to others

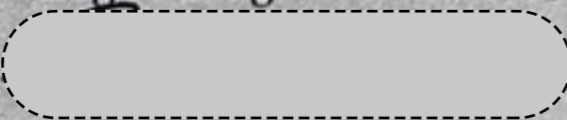
THE PCC's WILL:

- ❖ Create a safe and caring place for all
- ❖ Look to the named Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO)
- ❖ To work with the clergy and PCC to implement policy and procedures
- ❖ Safely recruit, train and support all those with any responsibility for children, young people and adults to have the confidence and skills to recognise and respond to abuse
- ❖ Ensure there is appropriate Insurance cover for all activities involving children and adults undertaken in the name of the PCC's
- ❖ Display in all Church premises and Web site the details of who to contact if there are safeguarding concerns or support needs
- ❖ Listen to and take seriously all those who disclose abuse
- ❖ Take steps to protect children and adults when a safeguarding concern of any kind arises, following the House of Bishops guidance including notifying the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer (DSO) and statutory agencies immediately
- ❖ Offer support to victims/survivors of abuse regardless of the type of abuse, when or where it occurred
- ❖ Care for and monitor any member of the Churches who may pose a risk to children and adults whilst maintaining appropriate confidentiality and the safety of all parties
- ❖ Ensure that Health and Policy procedures and Risk Assessments are in place and reviewed annually
- ❖ Review the implantation of the Safeguarding Policy, procedures and practices at least annually.

The Parish of Seaham and Dawdon appoints Mrs Sheila Savage as Parish Safeguarding Officer
Tel: 0191-5812263

Diocesan Safeguarding Officer is Mrs Beth Miller Tel: 07968034075

Signed.....



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01/05/26

..... Parish Safeguarding Handbook