

## **ANNUAL REPORT FOR PCC'S AT WETHERAL AND HOLME EDEN 2019**

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Further to last year's comprehensive document entitled "Promoting a Safer Church" (which is displayed in each Church), the Church of England has produced an updated and abridged document called the "Parish Safeguarding Handbook" which provides a much more relevant 'all in one' format detailing an overview of the Safeguarding aspects and requirements specifically for the benefit of local Parishes.

In October 2018, this new Parish Safeguarding Handbook, (Promoting a Safer Church), was published and a hard copy will be provided for use within every Parish. This document will outline the Roles and Responsibilities of PCC'S and staff within the Church, and contain guidelines concerning aspects such as Safer Recruitment policy, Safeguarding Training, it explains types of abuse and neglect, provides guidelines regarding how to handle disclosures of abuse, information-sharing and data storage, statutory support systems, good practice and guidance etc. This will enable the Church of England to be compliant in all legal responsibilities within the remit of Safeguarding. It is aimed to support and assist all those who play a key role with regard to children, young adults and adults within the Parish, and also to provide awareness for everyone who comes into the Church.

There will also be a large informative poster which will be displayed within each Church.

Last year (2018) several members of the church community completed their C2 Safeguarding Training.

All PCC members have completed the on-line C0 awareness training, available on the Diocesan website.

All volunteers have undertaken the '7 steps programme' required within the Safeguarding guidelines.

In 2019, our Vicar Graeme Skinner and CFOW Callum Baker, will undertake appropriate C3 Safeguarding Training.

Those volunteers who have relevant DBS checks, have been urged to register their certification on-line to ensure regular legal updates are automatically undertaken.

Risk Assessments and safety checks are routinely undertaken by those responsible for children's activities in both Churches and also Cameo, to ensure that both premises are as safe as possible for user groups. All identified concerns are addressed.

The House of Bishops revised 'Parish Safeguarding Policy' has been formally adopted by Wetheral PCC at their recent meeting held on March 18th 2019.

Promoting the 'Safer Church Safeguarding Policy Statement' will make us compliant with the Church of England Safeguarding Policy and Guidance.

All members of the Church Community are urged to familiarise themselves with the on-line Diocesan Safeguarding Policy ( [www.carlisle-diocese.org.uk](http://www.carlisle-diocese.org.uk))