

APCM Safeguarding Report 2025

Safeguarding is recognised as an important part of our parish responsibilities both to our congregation and the local community as a whole. All PCC members are required to undergo the foundation training and have DBS checks. Safeguarding is included at every PCC meeting and photographs and contact details are prominently displayed in the church. The diocesan computerised system has made it easy to keep track of DBS disclosures and training records. Currently these systems are completely up to date with none expired and none pending. There have been no referrals of problems relating to safeguarding.

We have Janna Holder in charge of families and young people in partnership with the Baptist church; she is a governor at the primary school and runs youth and toddler groups as well as such popular activities as a monthly children's service, crib services and an annual Easter egg hunt. Ali Cork co-ordinates our Toddlers in the Woods for pre-schoolers and Jez, assisted by Sarah Allen, holds a regular discussion group for teenagers.

For the older and more vulnerable members of our community, the PCC has recruited a new member, Sam Barclay, who specialises in geriatric matters.

A safeguarding assessment was performed for the three teenagers who slept in the churchyard in February 2025, as part of the sponsored sleep out for Wycombe Homeless Connection.

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