



# It Couldn't Happen Here.... ....Could It?

Lots of churches have thought that! Sadly nowhere, not even a church, can be certain that children and vulnerable adults will be free from the risk of abuse.

**It is dangerous to be complacent!**

That is why all churches are required to have strict procedures in place to protect everyone. It is the PCC who are formally responsible and they have put in place the following arrangements: -

- **Agreed a policy.** Copies of these are on display in church and in the Brassey Centre.
- **Adopted a formal process for appointment of ALL church workers (including volunteers)** who work with children and adults.

- **Appointed Representatives:** for Children, and for Adults to oversee safeguarding aspects of all church work and activities involving children and adults. **It is vital that they are informed and consulted about any new or changed activities and of any difficulties, concerns or complaints.**

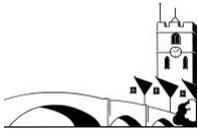


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- **Appointed Aline Ongley** to manage the process for obtaining criminal records checks when necessary.



# What Can I Do?

to Prevent Children and Adults being Harmed?



Whilst the PCC has the prime responsibility, it is down to each one of us to be aware of the dangers and to be vigilant.

**If you see something that concerns you or you have suspicions please speak in confidence to Janet or Sharon or the Vicar.**

Please co-operate with the procedures that the PCC have put in place. It is all too easy to try to take shortcuts to speed things up but we must adhere to our established processes to protect everyone.

Please make sure Janet or Sharon know in good time: -

- If our work with children or adults (who may be vulnerable) changes,
- If someone new is to be involved (because they need to be formally appointed),
- If any problems arise