Leadership Safeguarding Statement

The Leadership team, David Wright, Rowena Wright, Tara Congdon, Andrew Carter, Helena Carter and Jayne Davies {hereafter referred to as the Leadership team} recognises the importance of its ministry/work with children and young people and adults in need of protection and its responsibility to protect everyone entrusted to our care.

The following statement was agreed by the leadership/organisation on: 24th November 2026

This place of worship, 3 Counties Vineyard, is committed to the safeguarding of children and adults with support and care needs.

Specifically:

- We recognise that we all have a responsibility to help prevent the physical, sexual, emotional abuse and neglect of children and young people (those under 18 years of age) and to report any such abuse that we discover or suspect.
- We believe every child should be valued, safe and happy. We want to make sure that children we have contact with know this and are empowered to tell us if they are suffering harm.
- All children and young people have the right to be treated with respect, to be listened to and to be protected from all forms of abuse.
- We recognise that we all have a responsibility to help prevent the physical, sexual, psychological, financial and discriminatory abuse and neglect of adults with care and support needs and to report any such abuse that we discover or suspect.
- We recognise the personal dignity and rights of adults with care and support needs and our policies and procedures reflect this.
- We believe all adults should enjoy and have access to every aspect of the life of 3 Counties Vineyard unless they pose a risk to the safety of those we serve.
- We undertake to exercise proper care in the appointment and selection of all those who will work with children and adults with care and support needs.

We are committed to:

- Nurturing, protecting and safeguarding of children and young people.
- Supporting, resourcing, training, monitoring and providing supervision to those who undertake this work.
- Supporting all in the place of worship/organisation affected by abuse.
- Following the requirements of UK legislation in relation to safeguarding children and adults with care and support needs and good practice recommendations.
- Respecting the rights of children as described in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.
- Implementing the requirements of legislation in regard to people with disabilities.
- Providing appropriate management of workers and checking that they adhere to the agreed procedures of our safeguarding policy.
- Keeping up to date with national and local developments relating to safeguarding.
- Supporting the safeguarding co-ordinator in their work and in any action they may need to take in order to protect children and adults with care and support needs.
- Communicating these guidelines to those that require a DBS for their role.
- Supporting parents and families in understanding and applying safeguarding

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We recognise:

- Children's Social Services (or equivalent) has lead responsibility for investigating all allegations or suspicions of abuse where there are concerns about a child. Adult Social Care (or equivalent) has lead responsibility for investigating all allegations or suspicions of abuse where there are concerns about an adult.
- Where an allegation suggests that a criminal offence may have been committed then the police should be contacted as a matter of urgency.
- Where working outside of the UK, concerns will be reported to the appropriate agencies in the country in which we operate, and their procedures followed, and in addition we will report concerns to our agency's headquarters.
- Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

We will review this statement and our policy annually.

If you have any concerns for a child or adult then speak to one of the following who have been approved as safeguarding co-ordinators for 3 Counties Vineyard.

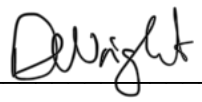
Helena Polson ~ Safeguarding Coordinator

Pat Pickford ~ Safeguarding Deputy

Julia Sharp ~ Trustee with responsibility for Safeguarding

A copy of the 3 Counties Vineyard Safeguarding Policy, together with the additional procedures can be seen at 3 Counties Vineyard, Haslemere Locality Office, Haslemere, GU27 1LD. Tel: 01428 653011

Signed by 3 Counties Vineyard Leadership team representative

Signed 

David Wright (Senior Leader and Trustee of 3 Counties Vineyard)

Date 25th November 2026