

Toft Newton Parish Council

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Safeguarding Vulnerable People Policy

This policy applies to the users of Newtoft park, which includes the playing field and football pitch, and to the users of any services or facilities provided by or funded in part or full by Toft Newton Parish Council.

This policy is in place to protect all vulnerable people regardless of gender, ethnicity, disability, sexuality, religion or faith.

For the purpose of this policy and all other Toft Newton Parish Council policies, we define:

- A child as anyone under the age of 18.
- An adult is anyone who is aged 18 or older.
- A vulnerable adult is anyone who is 18 or older and who may need additional support or adaptations due to their age, ability, circumstance or health.

In devising this and other policies, we have not distinguished between apparent and non-apparent vulnerabilities, we ensure that our services and facilities are safe and suitable for everyone who lives, works or visits the parish of Toft Newton.

This policy is supported by our Modern Slavery Policy, and links into policies from both the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children's Partnership and Lincolnshire Safeguarding Adults Board.

Principles

The welfare of the child or vulnerable adult is paramount and is the responsibility of everyone.

All children and vulnerable adults, without exception, have the right to protection from abuse, which includes but is not limited to; physical, verbal, online, sexual (including gender related bullying), bullying, exclusion or neglect.

As per our Anti-Harassment policy, bullying, shouting, physical violence, sexism and racism will not be tolerated or permitted.

Policy Statement

Toft newton Parish Council will endeavour to keep our facilities safe for use by children and vulnerable adults. The Parish Council recognises that a higher standard of safety may be required where use is by small children, those who cannot read safety notices and by some disabled people.

It is the responsibility of hirers of the football pitch, to have their own Health and Safety and Safeguarding policies, which must include being aware of their own safety and the safety of vulnerable users.

The Parish Council will ensure that all hirers of the football pitch are supplied with a copy of this policy.

Hirers of the field must comply with the objective of current gambling legislation to protect children and vulnerable adults from any harm caused by gambling.

Further information

Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children's Partnership: <https://www.lincolnshirescp.org.uk>

Lincolnshire Safeguarding Adults Board: <https://www.lincolnshiresab.org.uk>

Free Courses in England: <https://freecoursesinengland.co.uk> offer free (June 2026) Safeguarding Training:

- Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Safeguarding and Prevent (worth £399) – approximately 10 hours – details at <https://freecoursesinengland.co.uk/understanding-safeguarding-and-prevent/>

Childline has a number of posters that can be downloaded and printed for free at <https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/research-resources/childline-posters>

Primacy

Where any conflict exists between this policy, the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children's Partnership, Lincolnshire Safeguarding Adults Board and HM Government's guidance or legislation on Safeguarding, the Lincolnshire policies or national legislation shall have primacy over this policy.

Reviews

Toft Newton Parish Council will review this policy as per the schedule below, or sooner if changes to local or national guidance or legislation require a revision to take place sooner.

Previous versions of this policy will be retained on the Zoho WorkDrive and will have a version number appended to their file name.

Approved by Toft Newton Parish Council on:	7 th July 2026
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First review due:	May 2027
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Then review:	Annually
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