

Parish of St. Mary the Virgin Walney

Parish Policy for Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults:

The Parish of St. Mary the Virgin Walney approved this policy at the Parochial Church Council meeting held on Thursday 30th April 2026

The parish of St. Mary the Virgin Walney has adopted the Safeguarding Policies & Guidance of the Church of England and the Carlisle Diocesan Safeguarding Policy .

Ethos Statement

The teaching of Christ establishes the special significance of every human being and especially the central place of children in the sight of God. Our church is committed to fulfil His law of love and to provide for the safety, wellbeing and proper development of all children, young people and vulnerable adults in our care.

We will also properly equip and support those adults who work with and relate to them.

Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO)

The PCC has appointed a PSO who will ensure the implementation of this policy and the diocesan policy for Safeguarding and make regular reports to the PCC and to the APCM.

The person appointed is –

Name	Mrs Rhona Teale
Address	115 Ocean Road, Walney LA14 3HN
Tel. No	01229 475761
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Health and Safety Assessment

The PCC will ensure that an annual assessment takes place to ensure that every activity which it organises for children or vulnerable adults, on or off the premises, will provide proper safeguards to protect them from harm. The assessment will consider the premises,

activities, procedures, equipment, staffing and all other issues which may affect the potential safety of staff and users. The PCC will require all workers to re-fresh their understanding of the diocesan Code of Conduct and Practice.

The PCC requires that every other organisation which uses its premises will regularly conduct a similar assessment.

Insurance

The PCC will ensure that appropriate insurance (and third-party liability) cover exists for all participants in the activities that it organises.

The current policies are: Ecclesiastical Insurance

Details of the policies and the cover they provide are held by PCC Treasurer, David Hollis

The PCC requires that any individual or organisation using its premises will also provide adequate insurance cover.

Appointment of voluntary and paid staff who work with children, young people and vulnerable adults

In accordance with the diocesan policy for Safer Recruitment , the PCC will ensure that all those who work with children, young people and vulnerable adults will be properly appointed, trained and supervised. This will include:

When appointing new staff – before they begin their role

- a. Appropriate Job Descriptions will be drawn up in advance;
- b. Interviews will be held;
- c. At least two References will be sought and taken up;
- d. A Confidential declaration will be completed;
- e. All new personnel will be required to undergo a DBS check before they are appointed

Existing staff –

- ☐ Will be given a written Job Description. If this was not done at the time of their original appointment then any references which were obtained but not taken up will now be pursued;
- ☐ Renew their DBS check every three years

All staff –

- ☐ Will receive regular in-service training
- ☐ Will be properly supervised

Activities/Organisations .

Name of organisation St. Marys Mother and Toddlers

Name of Leader Mrs Monica Pugh

Contact Tel. No. 07946521028

Address 56 Irwell Road

Name of authorised helper. Pat Ellis Margaret Higham

Name of organisation 25th BARROW RAINBOWS/GUIDES/RANGER UNITS
AND WALNEY CHURCHES BEAVER SCOUT

Name of Leader Mrs Monica Pugh Rainbows, Guides Rangers Beavers

Contact Tel. No. 07946521028

Address 56 Irwell Road

Name of authorised helper. Miss Katherine Pugh (Rainbows) Guides
Miss Annabelle Cotton Hill (Rainbows) Guides
Kim Harding (Rainbows)
Summer Cupid (Rainbows) Guides
Mrs Rhona Teale (Guides)
Mrs Dawn Castle (Guides)
Katie Pugh (Rangers)
Mr Lee Castle (Beavers)
Alice Bosanko (Beavers)
Andrew Macheta (Beavers)

Name of organisation WALNEY CHURCHES CUBS & SCOUTS

Name of Leader Mr. Ged Pugh

Contact Tel. No. 07811274583

Address 56 Irwell Road
Name of authorised helper. Karen Edmondson
Paul Gomersall
Julie Hester

Name of organisation 25th BARROW Brownies
Name of Leader Miss Rebecca Taylor
Contact Tel. No. 07935921037
Address 33 Kendal Street, Barrow LA14 5HH
Names of authorised helpers Siobhan King
Abigail Peters
Roma Rowlands
Julie Eacott

Name of Organisation Walney Scouts
Name of Leader Tim Jeffries
Contact Tel, No 07715221262
Address 157 Anson Street LA14 5TQ
Names of Authorised helpers Jack Newby
Declan Martyn

Allegations of Abuse

Allegations against anyone who attends any church activity will be fully and honestly dealt with. The Diocesan procedures will be followed and all allegations will be taken seriously and recorded. The Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser (and in an emergency, Children's Social Care, Adult Social Services or Police) will be contacted without delay, and all information will be shared.

Disclosures

Any person who makes a disclosure or allegation of abuse will be sensitively and appropriately dealt with. There is a procedure in place to deal with safeguarding allegations or suspicions of abuse in accordance with the relevant policy and practice guidance and in consultation with the Diocesan Safeguarding officer.

Suspensions

Any member of the Church who suspects that a child or vulnerable adult is being abused in any way whatsoever will immediately contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser and follow his/her advice.

Confidentiality

Confidential information concerning any adult or child will be fully protected .

Complaints

Any complaint against any member of the Church will be dealt with in accordance to the Diocese's current complaints procedure. If a complaint relates to the treatment of children or vulnerable adults, the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser will be informed immediately.

Monitoring & Review

This policy will be reviewed annually as part of the PSO's preparation for the annual report to the PCC. Archdeacons will discuss it every three years with parishes at their Visitations.

Incumbent Revd Stuart Silk _____

Churchwarden Mrs Denise Elvy _____

Churchwarden Mrs Rhona Teale _____