

**Parish of Cresswell & Lynemouth  
St Bartholomew's Church, Cresswell  
St Aidan's Church, Lynemouth**

**SAFEGUARDING POLICY**

This policy was adopted by the Parochial Church Council of Cresswell & Lynemouth at special meetings held at each church after worship on 26/6/2016.

As members of this Parish we commit ourselves to care for one another safely. We recognize that everyone has different levels of vulnerability and that each of us may be regarded as at risk at some time in our lives.

We commit ourselves to:

- the Safeguarding of people who may be at risk, ensuring their well-being in the life of this church.
- promoting safe practice by those in positions of trust.
- promoting the safe inclusion and empowerment of people who may be at risk.
- recruiting safely following the recognised procedures.
- supporting, resourcing, training and regularly reviewing those who undertake work with children/young people and adults who might be at risk.
- providing appropriate insurance cover for all activities undertaken in the name of the Parish.

It is the responsibility of each of us to prevent physical, emotional, sexual, financial and spiritual abuse. We will report any abuse that we discover or suspect.

We agree to work within the guidelines of the Church of England and the Diocese of Newcastle.

Each person who works within this church community will agree to abide by this policy and the guidelines established by this church.

This church appoints John Redford as the Parish Safeguarding Officer and DBS Administrator.

This policy is reviewed and reaffirmed each year by the Parochial Church Council.

Incumbent:

Churchwardens:

Fr Alan Simpson

Norman Mason

Patricia Ward

Phoebe Jacques

Date:

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