

Safeguarding

2020 brought new challenges for us all with everyone having to develop new ways of working. The Safeguarding Team were not excluded from this. As the year progressed and the pandemic restrictions caused physical, emotional, and financial difficulties for many it became essential to find new ways of supporting each other. The diocesan staff were extremely helpful in this and sent updates on the Safeguarding challenges that COVID19 brought and how to best to support communities, especially the most vulnerable. Domestic violence, neglect, financial scams were on the rise and it was essential that we kept in touch with each other.

Face to face training had to be put on hold for most of the year, but the diocesan team were proactive in arranging for virtual sessions, which were very well received in the main. The progress made on the development of the Diocesan Safeguarding Microsite greatly reduced the amount of admin that the Parish Safeguarding Officers and Team Leaders need to be involved with. DBS records were being automatically, and records of training completed due to follow in the new year. Once again, our thanks go to the Diocesan Safeguarding Administrator for all his work on the microsite.

In line with the Diocese of Salisbury we continue to strive to develop a culture in the parish where Safeguarding is recognised as being at the heart of providing a safe and caring environment for all, especially children and adults who may be at risk of abuse. We thank you all for working with us on this.

The PCC has complied with the duty to have 'due regard' to the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance.

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