

Health and Safety Policy

The Lord Thurlow Village Hall, Great Ashfield, IP31 3HN

1. Purpose

THE LORD THURLOW VILLAGE HALL accepts responsibility under the Health and Safety at Work Act, 1974, to ensure so far as is reasonably practicable the health and safety of their staff (paid and unpaid), members, guests etc while in the LORD THURLOW VILLAGE HALL premises or on organisation business.

THE LORD THURLOW VILLAGE HALL also recognises that Health and Safety is a business function and must, therefore continually progress and adapt to changes. The approach to Health and Safety will be based on the identification and control of risks.

This policy is to be read in conjunction with the portfolio of wider organisation policies and procedures.

2. Policy

Planning, monitoring and review of the Health and Safety policy will be carried out on a regular basis taking into account changes in legislation and good practice.

THE LORD THURLOW VILLAGE HALL will:

- Ensure that there are adequate arrangements put into place for the effective planning, development and review of this policy
- Consult with our committee members, employees and hall users on matters affecting their health and safety
- Devote the necessary resources in the form of finance, equipment, personnel and time to ensure health and safety
- Ensure that it constantly improves health and safety standards and performance. It will endeavour to ensure that all statutes, regulations and codes of practice are complied with.
- Ensure that minimum standards that will be adopted by the LORD THURLOW VILLAGE HALL are those required by law, although the LORD THURLOW VILLAGE HALL will always seek to exceed these where there is a demonstrable benefit.
- Provide so far as is reasonably practicable a working environment, equipment and systems of work which are free from hazard and without risk to health.
- Ensure all users of the hall are competent to do their tasks, and to give them adequate training.
- Make arrangements for ensuring so far as is reasonably practicable, safety and absence from risk to health in handling and storing articles and substances in line with COSHH requirements.
- Minimise the risk of accidents and cases of work-related ill health
- Maintain safe and healthy working conditions
- Provide such training and instruction, information and supervision, as is necessary to ensure so far as is reasonably practicable the health and safety at work of their committee members, employees and users of the hall.

- Ensure that the premises under the LORD THURLOW VILLAGE HALL control are maintained as far as is reasonably practicable, safe and without risk to health and with adequate access and egress.
- Make adequate arrangements so far as is reasonably practicable for facilities and arrangements for employees' welfare at work.
- Provide and maintain so far as is reasonably practicable arrangements for the emergency evacuation of premises under their control in case of fire or other emergency.
- Make risk assessments periodically and issue corrective instructions

The day-to-day administration of the policy shall be the responsibility of the Chairman. They may, in clearly defined terms, delegate such authority in writing to the committee member of any of the premises administered by the LORD THURLOW VILLAGE HALL. He or she shall be responsible for bringing such items as are covered by the Health and Safety at Work Act, 1974, and by this policy, to the attention of the Board.

The day-to-day responsibility for safety in the premises will be vested in the nominated committee members. They shall be responsible for ensuring that any known safety defects or deficiencies are rectified or are brought to the attention of the Chairman and that the LORD THURLOW VILLAGE HALL that has Landlord responsibilities of the premises.

This Policy is written with particular consideration to the following legislature and regulations and THE LORD THURLOW VILLAGE HALL believes that this policy meets the following listed requirements:

- H&S at work act 1974
- Disability discrimination act 1995

Delegated responsibilities

The overall responsibility for Health and Safety has been delegated to the Chairman by the Committee of Trustees.

Delegated responsibilities are intended to be as follows but the Chairman has the right to vary in writing, these responsibilities at any time.

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3. Persons affected

This policy applies to all staff, paid or unpaid, users and visitors.

THE LORD THURLOW VILLAGE HALL, in accepting its responsibilities, expects staff and visitors to:

- Take reasonable care of their own health and safety and of the health and safety of their fellow staff and visitors to the Organisation's premises who may be affected by their acts and omissions.
- Report all health and safety concerns to then appropriate person as shown in item no 2 of this document.
- Co-operate in carrying out any duty or requirement imposed upon them under the Act including participating in evacuation drills and other health and safety procedures.
- Not interfere intentionally or recklessly with, or misuse anything provided in the interest of their health safety or welfare

Contractors

All contractors will be expected to make available their own company policy on health and safety and will be expected to demonstrate their compliance with the Organisations policy for Health and Safety.

The Organisation reserves the right to discipline persons contravening any of the sections above.

6. Procedure

Detailed procedures are attached.

It is the responsibility of all staff (paid and unpaid) and visitors to:

- assist in ensuring the Health and Safety of all persons legitimately engaged in activities on the Organisation's premises.
- familiarise themselves with all aspects of the LORD THURLOW VILLAGE HALL Health and Safety policy, including departmental regulations.
- Comply with all instructions given by the LORD THURLOW VILLAGE HALL Management, for the protection of its staff and visitors.
- undertake the operation of any electrical, mechanical or other equipment only if specifically authorised to do so.
- adhere to the Manufacturers, Suppliers and LORD THURLOW VILLAGE HALL instructions when using lifts, hoists and all forms of electrical and mechanical equipment used on Organisation premises.
- undertake maintenance of or repair of electrical or mechanical equipment only if authorised.
- study and be familiar with Organisation regulations in regard to Fire Precautions and other Emergency procedures.
- be familiar with the procedure for the reporting of accidents of any type and to conform to that procedure.
- ensure that items of personal electrical equipment used on the premises have first been tested and authorised as safe to use. This is for insurance purposes.
- ensure that all goods are stored in a safe manner and in the correct place, having particular regard to storage conditions required for hazardous goods.
- not leave goods or equipment in such a position that might constitute a danger, especially in such places as corridors or stair wells.

7. Verification

The Chairman will review this Policy every year and ensure those with delegated responsibilities annually make a personal inspection of the appropriate premises, procedures and records.

Date approved or amended	Signed	Role
03 June 2023	Simon Laidler	Chair
15 July 2024	Simon Laidler	Chair