

Parish Safeguarding Officer's report for Mulbarton Church ACPM 20th May 2026

Safeguarding continues to be a regular item on each month's PCC agenda where progress with our Diocesan approved Action Plan is reviewed.

There is a 100% completion of the Disclosure Barring Checks for all parishioners who lead or help to lead activities for children, youth and vulnerable adults and 92% of people are up to date on their safeguarding training.

I am pleased to say that there have not been any concerns reported to myself in the past year, therefore no need for any referrals to the Diocesan Safeguarding Team.

Wild Church continues and adheres to the required safeguarding and displays a risk assessment at every meeting as required. Children's Holiday Club was run successfully last summer, again meeting safeguarding requirements and displaying a risk assessment plan.

I understand that YOMMY and the Children's Group are no longer running.

I have been able to attend some of the Safeguarding Network meetings at Diocesan House along with Alice and Janet. We find these very informative and the opportunity to ask questions is invaluable. We have met a couple of times with David and discussed the areas of interest brought up at the meetings and how they relate to our benefice which has been very helpful.

Examples of items covered are as following:

- We completed the survey for the "Promoting a Safer Church -A consultation for everyone" which is under development.
- Some face-to-face trainings are now being offered for the Basic Awareness and Foundation modules for people who cannot access the training on line.

Future dates are as follows:

Monday 22 nd June	1-4pm	Loddon
Monday 20 th July	1-4pm	Wymondham Abbey

Tuesday 11 th August	1-4pm	Gayton
Monday 21 st September	1-4pm	Castle Acre
Monday 9 th November	1-4pm	Sheringham

Please contact Lynne for further details if interested.

The Diocesan House Safeguarding team has been liaising with the National Team with regards to volunteer trainers who will be facilitate delivery of the Basic Awareness and Foundation safeguarding training modules.

Work to produce the Parish Safeguarding Toolkit is ongoing. Some resources are already on-line and hopefully the new and revised documents will follow soon.

Next steps:

- I would like to suggest that we hold a Safeguarding Sunday in this autumn. The actual date is 15th November 2026 but the service can be held at any time. There are very good resources produced by “Thirtyone-eight”, the UK’s leading Christian, independent safeguarding charity. These would help greatly in planning. Continuing to raise awareness of safeguarding and that it is for everyone to be aware as a church family all help to keep everyone safe.
- As regards to our Safeguarding Action Plan we are working on Level 2 – Safer foundations and activities, and 65% progress has been made towards the requirements.

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6th May 2026