

Safeguarding Report Derwent Ings Benefice

For use at individual church APCMs Spring 2022

1. In 2021 Derwent Ings Benefice appointed a Benefice Safeguarding Officer (Jo Young, Elvington Parish). This post will oversee common policies and maintain a tracker of training and DBS status for all those required to hold it. Jo Young is the Lead DBS recruiter for Derwent Ings East (Elvington, East Cott and Sutton) and Revd Peter Burgess is the Lead DBS recruiter for Wheldrake and Thorganby.
2. The main priority for 2021 was to ensure that Church Officers and PCC members held the correct level of training (Basic Awareness, Fundamentals and Domestic Abuse training) and the up to date DBS checks. This is now almost complete.
3. The next phase will be to ensure that other volunteers have the correct level of training. This includes welcomers, vergers, organists and others in accordance with the attached table. An initial, joint face-to-face training session led by Diocese staff will take place on **Friday 27 May at ESCRICK Church** which should ensure most training needs are met. Otherwise, volunteers will be directed to the online training sessions.
4. Church of England have now stated that DBS checks are valid for 3 years from Jan 2022 which is a reduction on the previous 5 years. Those with 5 year checks from prior to Jan 22 will retain their original expiry date.
5. Contact details for safeguarding issues are Jo Young – 07880 744702 or joclaireyoung@gmail.com or Julie O' Hara at safeguarding@yorkdiocese.org or 01904 699524.

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