

London 12 Bell Competition

Safeguarding at St Mary-le-Bow

This policy is based on that of the Ancient Society of College Youths, who are hosting the 2021 Competition. It applies to the church, including the ringing chamber and churchyard, and the pub.

Safeguarding relates to the protection of the health, well-being and human rights of individuals, to allow people, especially children, young people under 18 and vulnerable adults to live free from abuse, harm and neglect.

All people attending the Competition should have safeguarding in mind and treat others with respect.

Any people under 18 attending the Competition should, where possible, be accompanied by a responsible adult. Bearing in mind that both the church and the pub will be open to the public some unaccompanied young people may attend. They should be welcomed and treated with respect.

The Competition Committee is responsible for organising the event. Any concerns should be raised with the Chairman, Secretary or other Committee Member or, in the case of an incident in the pub, a member of pub management. The Safeguarding Officer of the College Youths, Simon Meyer, will be attending and anyone who is in any doubt over an issue should refer to him.

Abuses identified by central government include:-

- Physical abuse including hitting and shaking;
- Emotional abuse including humiliation, blaming, controlling, intimidating, verbal abuse and serious bullying;
- Sexual abuse.

The general principle is that if it looks wrong it probably is wrong and should be dealt with accordingly.