

The Friends of Coldingham Priory were formed in 2000 following celebration of the 900th anniversary of the Founding Charter of Coldingham Priory.

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Today this Category A listed building is a living church of the Church of Scotland.

Friends can belong to any denomination or none.

The charity's aims are to promote the historical and architectural importance of the Priory and to work toward improving the Priory and its surroundings.

The Friends welcome visitors at open afternoons in the summer and organise concerts and exhibitions. Members of The Friends act as volunteer stewards at these times and raise funds for improvements.

## **Safeguarding statement**

1. We are committed to safeguarding all our volunteers and visitors from harm. This includes our volunteers and all those who use or come into contact with us. We recognise that all our people, regardless of race, age, ability, gender, identity, sexual orientation, religion or belief, have the right to protection from all types of harm or abuse. We work closely with partner organisations to ensure that we follow safeguarding best practice.
2. FoCP follows the comprehensive safeguarding policy implemented by Coldingham Priory (The Parish Church of Coldingham and St Abbs), the implementation of which is overseen by an executive safeguarding lead and supported by a charity wide safeguarding assurance group. We have a designated trustee safeguarding lead, a head of safeguarding and named safeguarding leads.
3. We take the safety and wellbeing of our volunteers seriously, as such we have systems and processes in place to identify and assess potential areas of risk across all our activities; and ensure remedial plans are put in place to address these risks.
4. All our volunteers and trustees are trained to recognise signs which could indicate that a child or adult at risk may be being abused or neglected. This training also includes wider Charity Commission requirements to recognise and report incidents involving our staff and volunteers. We actively encourage our staff, volunteers and those who use or come into contact with our services, to speak up about things which they think could cause harm to

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people and we act promptly when concerns have been raised. We will not tolerate any behaviours or practices which could lead to anyone being abused and/or exploited by our people.

5. We highly value the contribution of our volunteers and offer them a range of support to manage with the nature of our activities. We are committed to creating not just a safe place to volunteer but also a supportive and rewarding one.
6. Anyone wishing to review our Safeguarding Statement can do so through our website: [www.friendsofcoldinghampriory.co.uk](http://www.friendsofcoldinghampriory.co.uk)
7. Any volunteer wishing to raise an issue in relation to Safeguarding can do so through our Secretary, Anne Dall at [anne.dall.fcp@gmail.com](mailto:anne.dall.fcp@gmail.com)