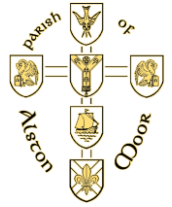


The Parish of Alston Moor

SAFEGUARDING

Social Media Policy



The following Policy was agreed at the Parochial Church Council (PCC) meeting held on 16th March 2022

In accordance with the Parish Safeguarding Handbook, the PCC must approve the use of social media and mobile phones by the church.

Social Media accounts

The PCC currently approves

- the Facebook pages of The Parish of Alston Moor and Rekindling St Augustine's.
- The Twitter account of Alston Vicar.
- The private WhatsApp group of Knaresdale DCC.

The **Named Person** for these accounts is **Mark Nash-Williams**. All workers using these accounts shall be accountable to him, and he shall be proactive in monitoring the communications.

All church officers using social media in an official capacity shall abide by the guidance in the Parish Safeguarding Handbook, chapter 12.

Mobile Phones

Where possible church officers are encouraged to use a dedicated phone for work purposes and to keep their personal number private.

Any texts or conversations that raise concerns should be saved and passed on to the **Named Person** or the **Parish Safeguarding Officer** (or if unavailable the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer)