

# Woore Parish Council

## Martyn's Law Policy



### Context and background of report

On Monday 19 December, the Government announced details for the Protect Duty, now to be known as 'Martyn's Law' in tribute of Martyn Hett, who was killed alongside 21 others in the Manchester Arena terrorist attack in 2017.

There have been 14 terror attacks in the UK since 2017, the terrorist threat we currently face is continually evolving. As such, it remains difficult to predict which locations could be targeted by terrorists with attempts being harder to spot and harder to stop.

The aim of this policy is to improve security and ensure robust, proportionate, and consistent measures at public places to make sure we can better prepare and improve public security, in light of possible future attacks.

Martyn's Law's aim is to reduce the risk to the public from terrorism by the protection of public venues. It places a requirement on those responsible for certain locations to consider the threat from terrorism and implement appropriate and proportionate mitigation measures.

This policy ensures all parties are prepared, ready to respond and know what to do in the event of an attack. Better protection will be delivered through enhanced security systems, staff training, and clearer processes.

Types of venues Woore Parish Council manages, hires and visits that may be affected -

Town and village halls — Often used for meetings, events, and community gatherings.

Community centres — Spaces that regularly host activities and events open to the public.

Parks and open spaces — Areas used for festivals, fairs, and other large-scale outdoor events.

Markets — Including farmers' markets, seasonal fairs, and Christmas markets.

Sports and leisure facilities — Such as playing fields, sports halls, and public gyms.

Libraries — Places of learning and community engagement with regular visitors.

Public squares and local landmarks — Locations used for celebrations, vigils, and public gatherings.

As Woore Parish Council manages, hires and attends the above venues or organises events that meet the capacity thresholds, some additional planning and measures may be required. This could include:

Carrying out risk assessments to identify potential security considerations.

Offering security awareness training for staff and volunteers.

Developing clear emergency response plans to ensure readiness.

Working with local authorities and emergency services for guidance.

Installing practical security measures where appropriate, such as CCTV or bag checks for larger events.

Woore Parish Council has completed a risk assessment for its venues and has provided a template for any other organisation to use should they wish.