



# Wellesbourne BC Safeguarding Statement

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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1. Wellesbourne Bowls Club recognises its responsibilities for the safeguarding of all children and young people under the age 18 and vulnerable adults over the age of 18 who may be unable to take care of himself or herself, or unable to protect himself or herself against significant harm or exploitation, regardless of gender, ethnicity or ability.
- 1.2. All people have the right to be safe from harm and must be able to live free from fear of abuse, neglect and exploitation and to that end the Club adopts this statement that applies to, and must be followed, by all members and their guests.
- 1.3. The following principles are those upon which this Safeguarding Statement is based:
  - The welfare of a child, young person and a vulnerable adult will always be paramount.
  - The welfare of families, the vulnerable and the elderly will be promoted.
  - The rights, wishes and feelings of children, young people and their families and vulnerable adults will be respected and listened to.
  - Club members behave in accordance with the interests of those safeguarded and follow the statement outlined below.
- 1.4. This document is written in accordance with the 'Working Together to Safeguard Children' produced by the Department of Education in 2018 and The Care Act 2014.

## 2. Statement

### Prevention and Reporting of Abuse and Responding to Concern

- 2.1. It is the duty of every member of the Club to prevent the physical, sexual or emotional abuse, neglect or exploitation of children, young people and vulnerable adults. It is the duty of all to respond to concerns about the wellbeing of children, young people and vulnerable adults and to report any abuse disclosed, discovered or suspected. The Club will fully co-operate with any statutory investigation into any suspected abuse linked to the activity or facility of the Club and its members.

### Safe Support of Members

- 2.2. The Club will exercise proper care in the selection of those in contact with children, young people and vulnerable adults in the playing of bowls or during any event organised and run by the Club. The Club will arrange for the appropriate level of Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks and training/guidance for those routinely working with children, young people and vulnerable adults.

## **Safe Practice and Safe Premises**

- 2.3. The Club is committed to providing a safe environment for activities with children, young people and vulnerable adults, where appropriate and will adopt ways of working with them that promote their safety and wellbeing.

## **Responsible People**

- 2.4. The Club will consult with Bowls England and the Warwickshire County Bowls Association and any other a relevant body to give support and advice on Safeguarding matters.
- 2.5. For 2025, the Club has appointed two Safeguarding Officers and has registered these with Bowls England. Their names and contact details are set out below. These officers are the first point of contact for If you suspect a safeguarding issue or if someone discloses something to you.
- 2.6. Parents have a responsibility to work with the Club in implementing procedures and providing their children with the necessary information to keep themselves safe.

## **Accompanying and supervising junior members**

- 2.7. Where children up to the age of 13 years old are involved with the Club as Junior Bowling Members or visitors to the Club they shall be accompanied and under the full supervision of the parent/s who will take full responsibility for their child's welfare.
- 2.8. For children over the age of 13 years the parent/s can nominate, by agreement, a Club Bowling Member to supervise their child whilst involved with the Club but it remains the parent/s responsibility for any risks associated with this arrangement.

## **Procedures**

- 2.9. The Club is affiliated to Bowls England and, therefore, has adopted the Bowls England Safeguarding Policies for Children and Adults. These are on the Bowls England website and are also linked on the Club's safeguarding page on its website.
- 2.10. Each member of the Club will be given a copy of this statement.

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