



WEST BRETTON CRICKET CLUB

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Safeguarding Policy

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Status of this Policy

This policy is adopted by the Management Committee pursuant to its powers under the West Bretton Cricket Club Constitution. It must be read consistently with the Constitution and with applicable law, ECB, Cricket Regulator, league and competition requirements.

Where an internal governance conflict arises between this policy and the Club Constitution, the Constitution shall prevail.

Change History

Version	Date	Description of Change	Author	Approved By / Date
1.0	21/08/2026	Initial draft	Tony Rushforth	



Purpose

West Bretton Cricket Club is committed to providing a safe, welcoming and inclusive environment in which children, young people and adults at risk can enjoy cricket.

The Club recognises that safeguarding is the responsibility of everyone and adopts the principles of the ECB Safe Hands Policy and applicable ECB and Cricket Regulator Safeguarding Regulations.

The ECB's current position is that Club Safeguarding Officers are responsible for helping ensure appropriate policies, procedures, training and vetting arrangements are in place and act as the principal point of contact for concerns.

Scope

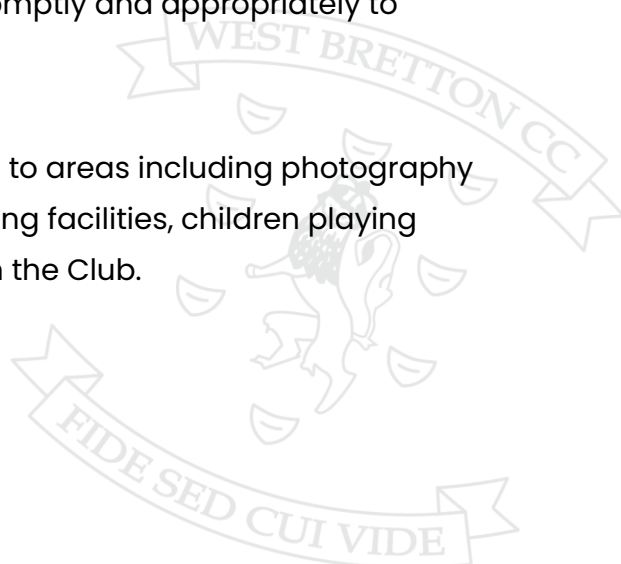
This policy applies to all members, players, coaches, officials, employees, volunteers, parents, carers, visitors and any other person acting on behalf of West Bretton Cricket Club.

For safeguarding purposes, a child is anyone under 18 years of age.

Our Commitment

West Bretton Cricket Club will take reasonable steps to ensure that cricket is provided in a safe environment; appoint an appropriately trained Club Safeguarding Officer; undertake appropriate safer recruitment and ECB DBS vetting where required; ensure relevant coaches and volunteers undertake appropriate safeguarding training; provide appropriate supervision of children; and respond promptly and appropriately to safeguarding concerns.

The Club will follow applicable ECB guidance relating to areas including photography and video, online communications, transport, changing facilities, children playing open-age cricket and managing children away from the Club.



Club Safeguarding Officer

For the purposes of the Club Constitution, the **Club Safeguarding Officer** is the officer referred to as the **Club Welfare Officer** in clause 5.3(d) of the Constitution.

The Club Safeguarding Officer is appointed by the Management Committee.

The Club Safeguarding Officer is:

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The Safeguarding Officer will act as the Club's first point of contact for safeguarding matters, maintain appropriate records, seek advice where required and make referrals in accordance with ECB procedures.

Where a concern involves the Club Safeguarding Officer, it should be referred directly to the relevant County Safeguarding Officer or Cricket Regulator.

The Club Safeguarding Officer will provide appropriate safeguarding governance reports to relevant Management Committee meetings.

Reports, together with any action taken, will be appropriately minuted in accordance with the Constitution, while ensuring that confidential safeguarding information is not unnecessarily recorded or disclosed.

Reporting a Concern

Anyone who sees, hears or suspects something that causes concern about the welfare of a child or adult at risk should report it promptly.

The person receiving the concern must listen, take it seriously, record the facts accurately and pass it to the Club Safeguarding Officer.

Club members **must not attempt to investigate safeguarding allegations themselves.**



Where there is an immediate risk of significant harm, the appropriate emergency or statutory authorities should be contacted without delay.

Confidentiality

Safeguarding information will be shared only with individuals or organisations who have a legitimate need to know.

The Club cannot promise absolute confidentiality where information needs to be shared in order to protect someone from harm.

Behaviour

All adults working with children must maintain appropriate professional boundaries.

Private or inappropriate one-to-one electronic communication with children should be avoided. Communication concerning junior cricket should normally involve parents or carers and use approved Club communication channels.

Recruitment and Training

The Club will follow the ECB's safer recruitment requirements and ensure that individuals undertaking roles requiring ECB DBS vetting have appropriate clearance.

The Club will maintain records of required safeguarding qualifications and training.

Review

This policy will be reviewed annually and following any significant safeguarding incident or material change in ECB requirements.

