

WILTSHIRE CRICKET

SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTER
WINTER 2025



WELCOME

Welcome to our Winter Safeguarding Newsletter for 2025. Hopefully your summer was filled with cricket supported by some un-British weather! and you are looking forward to what the pundits suggest is going to be closely fought Ashes.

WILTSHIRE CRICKET'S STRATEGY 2025-2029: BEYOND BOUNDARIES: POWERING CRICKET'S FUTURE

The new four-year strategy "Beyond Boundaries: Powering Cricket's Future," sets out our vision, mission, values, and objectives for the future. This strategy reflects our collective ambition to make cricket the most accessible and enjoyed sport in Wiltshire.

Our vision, "To be the most accessible and enjoyed sport in Wiltshire" is not just a statement; it's a promise to our community. We want cricket to be a sport that everyone can enjoy, regardless of age, gender, ability, or background. Our mission, "Inspiring a lifelong love of cricket for all of Wiltshire" speaks of our dedication to nurturing a passion for cricket that lasts a lifetime. Cricket has the power to bring people together, promote physical and mental well-being, and build strong, inclusive communities. At Wiltshire Cricket, we recognise the profound impact our sport can have and are deeply committed to harnessing this potential. We take our role seriously and are dedicated to delivering these positive outcomes for everyone in our community.

Our values of ambition, respect, and fairness guide everything we do. We are ambitious in our desire to continually grow and improve, exceed expectations, and excel in all our endeavours. We believe in being respectful in all our interactions, symbolised by honesty, empathy, and care in how we behave and communicate. Fairness is at the heart of our approach, as we strive to be open to diverse perspectives and ensure equity in all our activities.

Safeguarding, inclusion, equity and diversity are key elements of the strategy, driving cricket in Wiltshire towards a culture that welcomes all into its community.

STRATEGY 2025 - 2029

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Contact the Cricket
Regulator

safeguarding@cricketregulator.co.uk

TRAINING



The ECB and Cricket Regulator are committed to ensuring that everyone involved in cricket has an appropriate level of safeguarding training. Below is information on the current training offers available for anyone involved in cricket.

Introduction to Safeguarding

This free course is available for everyone involved in cricket

Safeguarding is everybody's responsibility, so whatever your role in cricket, everyone should understand the importance of keeping children, young people and adults safe.

With this in mind, we invite you, and everybody at your club or organisation, to complete our online Introduction to Safeguarding. The training provides basic knowledge and advice in creating a safe cricket environment for everyone, recognising signs of abuse, what to do if you have any concerns or if you are approached by anyone with concerns that they may have.

This training should take around 30 minutes to complete and is accessible on a laptop, tablet or mobile phone.

Please note this course is not certified.

Those who have already undertaken safeguarding training in their roles such as Coaches and Safeguarding Officers are not required to complete this course, although individuals may do so if they wish.

Safeguarding Level 2

Safeguarding Level 2 is the new course from the Cricket Regulator Safeguarding Team on behalf of the ECB, which has replaced Safeguarding for Specialist Roles (SSR).

Robust safeguarding helps to keep our cricket community safe and welcoming. This course will provide the learner with what to look out for and how to respond to concerns.

The Audience:

- Coaches or Activators
- Officials
- Captains/Vice-Captains
- Team Managers, Junior Supervisors, Volunteer Coordinators
- Chairs and Committee Members
- Club and League Safeguarding Officers
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The Aims and Objectives of the course:

- Create a safe and inclusive cricket environment
- Describe what a safeguarding concern is
- Respond appropriately to concerns
- Describe how to report and record safeguarding concerns
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This training should take around 1 hour to complete. The certification is valid for 3 years. To book this course please contact Karen Smith

karen.smith@wiltshirecricket.co.uk
07593 583945

THE SAFEGUARDING TRAINING MATRIX IS A USEFUL REFERENCE DOCUMENT THAT CLARIFIES WHAT ROLES AT YOUR CLUB NEED WHAT SAFEGUARDING TRAINING AND ALSO WHO NEEDS AN ECB DBS CHECK.

[SAFEGUARDING-TRAINING-MATRIX.PDF](#)

A useful tool for you to use when assessing your club's status with regards safeguarding. It is a relatively simple checklist and enables you to action plan in order to embed safeguarding at your club. By using this now it will help you plan what actions you need to complete through the off season to be ready next Summer.

[Recreational-Club-Safeguarding-Self-Assessment-Report.pdf](#)



SAFE HANDS WORKSHOPS 2026

We now have dates set for next Spring's Safe Hands workshops

Venue: Beversbrook Sports Facility, Beversbrook Road, Calne, Wiltshire, SN11 9FL
Date: Monday 19th January 2026
Time: 6pm - 9pm
Cost: Free
Booking: [Please click here to register](#)

Venue: Beversbrook Sports Facility, Beversbrook Road, Calne, Wiltshire, SN11 9FL
Date: Saturday 21st March 2026
Time: 9am to 12pm
Cost: Free
Booking: [Please click here to register](#)

As a reminder to be a fully compliant Club Safeguarding Officer you need to

1. Attend an in person Safe Hands workshop every 3 years
2. Complete the online SGL2 training every 3 years (or have completed the old SSR online training within the past 3 years)
3. Have a current ECB DBS check.

WeCare - Welfare and Well-being Support



Club Safeguarding Officers are still able to access medical, mental health and well-being support through Canada Life WeCare. This is an excellent, free and entirely confidential support scheme that the ECB are providing for the Club and County Safeguarding Officer network. The provision will also be available for immediate family members. Please contact me for further information and access.



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