

## Safeguarding Update – May 2023

### New County Safeguarding Officer

Nick May has taken on the role of County Safeguarding Officer and should be your first port of call for safeguarding matters. Nick has had a long professional career within safeguarding and has been a club safeguarding officer and player in recreational cricket in the county for many years.

Nick will be working two days a week initially, then move to four days a week from July. He can be contacted at [nick.may@sussexcricket.co.uk](mailto:nick.may@sussexcricket.co.uk) and mobile number 07463 225701.

Thank you to Eddie Hick, who has now retired, after many years as a dedicated safeguarding professional with Sussex Cricket.

### Safeguarding Course for Specialist Roles

The above online course is the replacement for the Safeguarding Young Cricketers course (SYC) that has been in use for many years. This new course will form part of the mandatory training for all club safeguarding officers and coaches and must be renewed every three years. Current SYC courses will remain valid until the end of their three-year duration.

In addition, the course has been extended to include Umpires and Scorers, Captains and Team Managers, Committee Members and Activators.

*Although the course is not mandatory for these roles, post holders should be encouraged to complete the course, which will increase the awareness of Safeguarding throughout clubs and make them safer places for children and young people to enjoy Cricket.*

The new course consists of a generic module for all learners, and then the completion of a shorter bolt-on module for each of the above roles.

The course can either be accessed directly by anyone with an ECB e-learning account or by registering to take one of the above modules on the Sussex Cricket website.

Go to Foundation & Community; Safeguarding; Training Courses, where you find the relevant course links. Individuals will register using those links which will enable an

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eLearning account to be created. Once within the eLearning account, they simply need to click 'Courses', then Safeguarding'. The Safeguarding Course for Specialist Roles will be visible and following completion, they will be able to complete the additional course of their choosing.

### [CLICK HERE TO ACCESS SAFEGUARDING TRAINING COURSES](#)

## Safe Hands Courses for Club Safeguarding Officers

The next courses will both be at Hove, on Tuesday 16 May and Wednesday 14 June.

16th May - [BOOK HERE](#)

14th June - [BOOK HERE](#)

There will also be a course at Buxted Park in East Sussex on Wednesday 21 June.

21st June - [BOOK HERE](#)

It is likely that there will be a course on Thursday 13 July in West Sussex, but we are awaiting confirmation of venue. We will let you know as soon as we know.

## DBS Identification Verifiers

It would be great to get some more verifiers on board, to spread the load. At the moment, fewer than half of the clubs in Sussex have a verifier connected to them.

Being a verifier enables people to initiate new DBS application for their club and verify the identity of an individual from any club in Sussex. The more verifiers we have the easier it is for everyone who needs a DBS to complete the process.

The only qualification for being a verifier is having a current DBS and verification process itself is not complicated. If anyone is interested in becoming one then contact Nick May.

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