

# SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTER

February 2026



## A message from Nick May, County Safeguarding Officer:



Happy new year everyone, and I'm sure you're all looking forward to a new cricketing year. Thank you for playing your part in ensuring cricket is safe, enjoyable, and accessible to so many people in the county.

I thought I'd start the year with a reminder about the key bits of information for Club Safeguarding Officers and recreational club committee members.

Please call me if you have any questions not answered here, or if you need any advice on safeguarding concerns at your club: **nick.may@sussexcricket.co.uk / safeguarding@sussexcricket.co.uk** or **07463 225701**.

### Club Safeguarding Officers

Club Safeguarding Officers need the following qualifications in order to be competent (and compliant within the Safe Hands Management System): [Club Safeguarding Officers](#).

Training is available both online and in person. Sign up here: [Safeguarding Training](#)

Don't forget that DBSs are free for volunteers through the ECB and are valid for 12 months.

There is further information about the Data & Barring Service (DBS) here: [DBS Update January 2025](#).

### ECB Support

Whilst I can always provide advice, it can be more effective to go directly to the ECB, whose staff work with their systems all the time:

Safe Hands Management System (SHMS): **safehands@ecb.co.uk**

Data & Barring Service (DBS): **dbs@ecb.co.uk**

ECB online E-Learning courses: **elearning@ecb.co.uk**

### Sussex Cricket Support

There will be an online pre-season briefing for all Club Safeguarding Officers, Junior Managers and others who have an interest. This will take place at 6.30pm on Thursday 26th March 2026. Get it in your diaries and I will send out details and the link in due course.

In the meantime, this link to the ECB "Safeguarding Kitbag" is a good starting point: [Safeguarding Kit Bag Resources](#)

### Finally

Safeguarding is a legal requirement, not a "nice to do" for recreational cricket. Nationally, we have a good reputation at Sussex Cricket and have been assessed by the Cricket Regulator as a "leading organisation" in safeguarding.

And remember that safeguarding is about ensuring Cricket is safe for all (children and adults), is enjoyable for all, and is accessible to those who want to take part, to watch or to support their local community club.

**Thank you to all our safeguarding volunteers!**

### REPORTING A SAFEGUARDING CONCERN

If you or someone else has a safeguarding concern, please share it (anonymously if you wish). If someone is at imminent or immediate risk, you must phone Police or Local Social Services immediately – following which please contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead (details above) for local advice & support.

**The Cricket Regulator Safeguarding Team**  
020 7432 1200 or  
safeguarding@cricketregulator.co.uk

**NSPCC**  
0800 800 5000 or  
help@nspcc.org.uk

**Childline**  
0800 11110 or by post  
Childline Post Freepost 1111 London N1 OBR