

# **Burgess Hill Bowls Club Child Protection Policy**

**The designated Child Protection Officer is: Mark Gill**

We recognize that the welfare of the junior players is paramount and that we have a duty of care when they are in our charge. We will do everything we can to provide a safe and caring environment whilst they attend our activities.

We will:

- a) Treat all junior members with respect and celebrate their achievements
- b) Carefully recruit and select all the adults working in the junior programme
- c) Respond to concerns and allegations appropriately
- d) Adopt the Sussex Area Child Protection Committee Safer Activities for Everyone (SAFE) Recommendations.

When there are concerns about the welfare of any child/young person all adult members of Burgess Hill Bowls Club are expected to share those concerns with the designated Child Protection Officer.

The Child Protection Officer is responsible for:

- a) Monitoring and recording concerns
- b) Making referrals to the appropriate authority without delay
- c) Liaising with other agencies
- d) Arranging training for members.

## **Confidentiality**

In cases of disclosure of abuse, by either parent or junior member, we are obliged to share the information with the Child protection Officer, who may have to refer the concerns expressed to the appropriate authority.

## **Members Allegations**

Concerns regarding the behavior of adults in the Burgess Hill Bowls Club will be referred without delay to the Child Protection Officer who will contact the appropriate authority.

**This Policy will be reviewed annually at the first Committee Meeting following the Annual General Meeting.**