



## Shepherds Well Cricket Club

### Safeguarding Policy Statement 2022

Shepherds Well Cricket Club (The Club) is committed to ensuring all Children (i.e all children under the age of 18) participating in cricket have a safe and promising experience.

We will do this by:

- Recognising all children participating in cricket (regardless of age, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, ability or disability) have the right to have fun and be protected from harm in a safe environment.
- Ensuring individuals working within cricket at, or for, our club provide a welcoming, safe and fun experience for children.
- Adopting and Implementing the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) “Safe Hands- Cricket’s Policy for Safeguarding Children” and any future versions of this.
- Appointing a Club Welfare Officer and ensuring they attend all current and future training modules required by the ECB.
- Ensuring all people who work in cricket at, or for, our club (such as staff, officials volunteers, team managers, coaches and so on) have a responsibility for safeguarding children, and understand how the “Safe Hands Policy” applies to them
- Ensuring all individuals working within cricket at, or for, the club are provided with support, through education and training, so they are aware of, and can adhere to, good practice and Code of Conduct Guidelines define by the ECB and the club.
- Ensuring the name and contact details of the Club Welfare Officer is available (**NB- The Club’s Welfare Officer is Mr Ben Spurgeon, he can be contacted on 07934405852 or [bspurgeon@btinternet.com](mailto:bspurgeon@btinternet.com), The Deputy Welfare Officer is Mr Dmitri Lugthart, he can be contacted on 07766213773 or [dmitrilug@yahoo.com](mailto:dmitrilug@yahoo.com)**)

-As the first point of contact for parents, children and volunteers/ staff within the club.

-As a local source of procedural advice for the club, its committee and members.

-As the main point of contact within the club for the ECB County Welfare Officer and the ECB Safeguarding Team

-As the main point of contact within the club for relevant external agencies in connection with children safeguarding.

- Ensuring correct and comprehensive reporting procedures exist for raising and managing child safeguarding concerns.

-Providing an environment where the views of children, parents and volunteers are sought and welcomes on a range of issues. This will help us create an environment where people have the opportunity to voice any concerns (about possible/ suspected child abuse/ neglect, and/ or about poor practice) to the Club Welfare Officer \*

\* Details of the County Welfare Officer are available below if the concern relates to either the Club Welfare Officer or the Deputy Club Welfare Officer

- Ensuring all suspicions, concerns and allegations are taken seriously and dealt with swiftly and appropriately.
- Ensuring access to confidential information relation to child safeguarding matters is restricted to those who need to know in order to safeguard children- including the Club Welfare Officer and the appropriate external authorities, such as the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO), as specified within ECB child safeguarding procedures.

The County Welfare Officer is Bridget Owen, she can be contacted on 01303 840095 or [bridget.owen@kentcricket.co.uk](mailto:bridget.owen@kentcricket.co.uk)