

## **TOTNES BOWLING CLUB**

### **NOTICE OF YOUNG and VULNERABLE PERSONS SAFEGUARDING POLICY – 2023**

Totnes Bowling Club fully accepts it's legal and moral obligations to exercise its duty of care and to protect all **YOUNG PEOPLE & ADULTS** participating in its activities, and to safeguard their welfare.

**We are committed to do this by acknowledging:**

- ✓ the welfare of the child or adult at risk is paramount
- ✓ all children and adults at risk, whatever their age, culture, ability, gender, language, racial origin, religious belief and/or sexual identity should be able to participate in bowls in a safe and enjoyable environment
- ✓ all reasonable steps should be taken to protect children and adults at risk from harm, discrimination and degrading treatment and to respect their rights, wishes and feelings
- ✓ all suspicions and allegations of poor practice or abuse will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately
- ✓ the importance of working in partnership with parents and children and adults at risk and their carers or advocates.
- ✓ the effectiveness of our policy is reviewed annually and a responsible person shall be appointed as:

### **SAFEGUARDING WELFARE OFFICER**

**to whom all members must address any suspicions or concerns**

**The clubs SAFEGUARDING OFFICER is:**

**Graham Sowerby Telephone: 07971 882125**

**From whom advice and guidance is available**

**In an emergency situation** where immediate help/advice is required contact should be made with the **NSPCC Helpline (0800 800 5000)** or ChildLine (0800 1111) both of which can be contacted by anyone to talk through any concerns that have arisen. This call could be made anonymously if considered appropriate.

**PLEASE NOTE** – extensive safeguarding information and guidance including Bowls England National Policy and Procedures and local information is available on the Bowls Devon and Bowls England website.