

Byfield Tennis Club

Child Protection Policy

Children attending an official club session or coaching with a club-approved coach

Byfield Tennis Club aims to create an enjoyable environment for all juniors who wish to take part in organised tennis activities at the club. The club recognises that children and young people have the right to be safe, secure and free from threat. The club believes that children and young people have the right to be treated with respect and for their concerns to be listened to and acted upon.

In order to maintain a safe playing environment for juniors:

- The club will ensure that junior members have specific coaching programmes designated for them with adequate supervision.
- Only coaches registered by the Lawn Tennis Association are approved for individual and group coaching.
- Copies of up to date Criminal Records Bureau [Vetting and Barring] checks relating to our coaches are kept on BTC's file.
- We will take steps to ensure that any club volunteers or professionals working with children are suitable to do so, through the use of references and background checks. They will be made aware of the LTA Policy relating to Safeguarding Children and Young People 17.3.2014.

Casual/unsupervised play by children

Our courts are available to both village residents and members for casual play. Please note that it is a parent's decision as to what age they allow their child to use the tennis courts unsupervised and their responsibility to teach their child how to respond to emergencies or situations that may arise outside the home.

The Club cannot be responsible for keeping children safe outside of organised tennis activities and their parents should be aware of the dangers of their children being left unsupervised.

This policy is fully supported by Byfield Tennis Club Committee which will be responsible for the implementation and review of this policy.

If you have any concerns relating to children, please contact the child protection officer for 2014-15:

Sue Waterhouse

Telephone number 07773092180

This policy was adopted by the Byfield Tennis Club Committee in June 2014.