



**Lydney Tennis Club AGM  
Monday 27th November 2023  
Safeguarding Report**

Lydney Tennis Club is committed to providing a safe, inclusive, and rewarding environment for the delivery of tennis for everyone; to minimise risk and to respond appropriately and quickly to a safeguarding concern or disclosure.

To support this, in January, all committee members undertook and completed the 'Safeguarding for Committees' training.

The LTA, as the governing body for tennis in Britain, is committed to supporting and enabling LTA registered venues to ensure that safeguarding standards are upheld.

The safeguarding review of our club was formalised with a visit from the County Safeguarding Officer on 22nd February 2023. A significant amount of work and club self-assessment was necessary in preparation for this Safeguarding Review, and this was lead and undertaken by Karen during the final months of her time as Welfare Officer, prior to her taking over as Chair this year. Karen, Rachael and I met with the County Safeguarding Officer on that day.

The 5 'umbrella' standards required by the LTA form extensive detail involving safeguarding policies, culture, awareness ...as well as systems and procedures in delivering a safe and inclusive tennis environment.

In its summary of findings, it was noted by the County Safeguarding Officer that "The club promoted safeguarding well and the survey indicates that most respondents believe that safeguarding is a high priority at the venue. The club has met all standards required."

As present Welfare Officer, I would like to pass on my thanks to Karen for her hard work and scrupulous care in ensuring success for the club in this important safeguarding review.

Work has continued throughout the spring and summer further updating all club policies connected to welfare and safeguarding in response to ongoing changes that the LTA have made to further promote the safety and enjoyment for all who play, volunteer and support tennis. We now have a dedicated page on the club website for safeguarding, where all contact details, information, policies, and steps for reporting a safeguarding concern are held.

During the year, there have been no safeguarding concerns raised.

4 x DBS checks have been made in conjunction with our Safe Recruitment Policy.

As new Welfare Officer, I have completed my LTA training.

Having spent my first year on the committee, it is very clear to me that the planning and implementation of the rolling programme for the care and development of the facilities at our

club places people at the heart of its aims and this, alongside Rachael and her team of coaches who deliver such extensive programmes to players of all ages and abilities results in our tennis club being a consistent force for good in Lydney and the wider community.

**Caroline Roberts**

Welfare Officer