



Brackley Town FC Welfare & Safeguarding Newsletter

Welcome to BTFC community Welfare & Safeguarding monthly newsletter. Some of the information contained within this newsletter will be generally available through other organisations such as the NSPCC, the local community, or county Welfare & Safeguarding sectors. However, we aim to make this part of our footballing community and share with our staff, parent and supporter groups

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When completing the website link, please add as much information as possible. This will enable us to understand the issue prior to calling or meeting with you to discuss the matter further.

What does BTFC offer:

BTFC offers all boys & girls the opportunity to play football in a safe, friendly, and responsible arena. All our staff and coaches are well versed with our safeguarding practices and procedures, they take any matter raised to our safeguarding teams seriously, with all matters always kept confidential. BTFC prides itself with the strides we are making to ensure the safety of our young people and most vulnerable and will continue to make changes to improve our Welfare & Safeguarding practices.

Links with BTFC

BTFC works closely with the FA and Northants FA. Information is shared across all sectors and clubs. There are several new initiatives that are currently being shared with all Welfare & Safeguarding teams. As BTFC gets a better understanding of these changes, we will look to share these primarily with our coaches and within this Newsletter.



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Safeguarding Responsibilities:



Who is Responsible?

YOU ARE!

It is everyone's responsibility to ensure the safety of all children under 18 and the most vulnerable. The primary responsibilities for the welfare & safeguarding of our young people rest with the parents, carers and / or guardians.

Your children are extremely precious, you are handing your children to BTFC primarily to play football. We at BTFC take our responsibilities very seriously and want to ensure that whilst they are in our care, that they are well looked after. We have a Duty of Care to all our young people to ensure their safety whilst they are playing and with our coaches.

There are several agencies that can offer professional help and assistance., such as the NSPCC or Childline and for more urgent matters the Police.



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BTFC will assure our members that in the event of a safeguarding issue, it will be dealt with immediately and in the strictest of confidence. Remember do not be shy to speak out if you see something untoward!

Code of Conduct:

What is this all about, I hear you ask?

Code of Conduct is extremely important to ensure that all our staff, players and parents are aware that we operate under this scheme. It offers all of our members the protection that in the event that an issue is reported to one of the safeguarding team, that we follow these guidelines, ensuring a full and proper process is being followed and corrective action is or has been put in place. No one operating or playing within BTFC is exempt from this process. and we pride ourselves with having this in place.

Respect:

Respect is a Football Association initiative which has been in place for some time now. It is vitally important that all our supporters, club members, parents, and our young players of the future must adhere to:

Remember: **Treat others like you want to be treated:**

Whistle Blowing:

Do not be afraid to share information. It is very important that the club is aware of any safeguarding related issues, whether it be towards a young person or an adult. If you do see something untoward that may be construed as a potential safeguarding issue, please do not hesitate to contact one of the safeguarding team.

Prevention:

It is important to share, no matter how small, it may turn out **More than you Think!**

Look out for:

We are introducing two Safeguarding banners. One will be added to the main playing area, around the perimeter of the main first team pitch. The other will be introduced at the AGP so all our young players will be able to see it.

Pastoral Care:

What is this I hear some of you ask.



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Tom Summers has asked the safeguarding team to explore the need to have a Pastoral Care lead allocated to each of our U18 teams.

As the Safeguarding team cannot be at every game, this role is vital in caring for our young people, whilst playing or on the side lines.

We are looking to explore this further over the coming weeks, however, if you wish to understand more about what we are looking to implement and what these responsibilities! would look like, please contact safeguarding@brackleytownfc.co.uk for further information.

Match Days at St James Park:

We want to ensure the safety of everyone at St James Park on 1st Team match days. Since the start of the season, I have witnessed many children, some as small as young as three or four, wondering around the ground on their own. It is imperative that all members of the family stay safe, please ensure that your children are always with you or in sight of you, it's imperative to maintain the safety for everyone.

We would hate to initiate a Missing Child Procedure.

More to Come!

There is so much that we are working on in the background, that it's not possible to add to this newsletter, but I will do my best to keep you informed of what's to come!

Rest assured that the club is continuing to build and improve our policies and procedures to keep everyone safe whilst in our football club.

On a final note:

Its competition time:

I would like all our U18 groups to GET ARTY and come up with a BTFC Safeguarding Logo, that we could look at adding to our website.

Mum's and Dad's you are exempt, but perhaps give a clue or two!

For those technical minded, please send your entries to:

safeguarding@brackleytownfc.co.uk,

For those that are unable to send their logos via email, I will leave a tray in The Cabin which I will collect over the coming weeks.

I hope to receive your designs by the 30th of November and will make a decision on the



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winning entry before Christmas when the winner will be announced.

Links & Contact Numbers:

The FAs Children Safeguarding:

<https://learn.EnglandFootball.com/courses/safeguarding/safeguarding-children-course>

[North Northamptonshire Council](#)

- Customer Service Centre: 0300 126 3000
- Telephone: 01604 626938 (Outside office hours - Emergency Duty Team)

[West Northamptonshire Council](#)

- Customer Service Centre: 0300 126 7000
- Telephone: 01604 626938 (Outside office hours - Emergency Duty Team)

[Children's Safeguarding - Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub](#)

Report a children's safeguarding concern.

- Customer Service Centre: 0300 126 1000 (option 1)
- 01604 626938 (Outside office hours - Emergency Duty Team)

[Northamptonshire Safeguarding Children Partnership](#)

Information and advice about keeping children safe in Northamptonshire.

[Safeguarding Adults: Protecting people against Crime](#)

Information and advice to help people protect themselves against crime.

BTFC Safeguarding Team:

Safeguarding@brackleytownfc.co.uk

Police – 999

(For urgent matters that need to be dealt with immediately)