

## SAFEGUARDING ETC AT LAURIESTON TENNIS CLUB

As Club Secretary, I invite club members to consider several policy statements just added to the website. These are not of course original works by our Club Committee, but have been adapted from templates provided by the Lawn Tennis Association, with which the club is registered. The statements represent the LTA's interpretation of new legislation and associated guidance on these matters and, to put matters bluntly, if the club does not adopt the policy statements we shall lose our registration. The subjects covered are Safeguarding, Whistleblowing, and Diversity & Inclusion. Please note there is a Safeguarding general policy statement and a more detailed statement about what individuals should do if he or she has concerns. There is also a requirement imposed on the club to carry out a Risk Assessment, but the situation here is different in that a Fire Risk assessment was carried out not long ago and all that is required is a review of the conclusions at that time and updating as necessary. The original document remains available to see on the clubhouse noticeboard.

While the second Safeguarding policy statement is of a daunting length I should draw the attention of adult club members to the section about what is expected of them when present at the club for events involving their children. And parents are invited to note there is also a related section covering what is expected of children in terms of their behaviour.

The Club Committee is delighted to report that our member Sheila Johnston has agreed to become Club Welfare Officer. The creation of this post is another requirement by the LTA. Sheila's contact details have already appeared on a clubhouse noticeboard ( [shunterdoc@aol.com](mailto:shunterdoc@aol.com); 07864574578 ). Obviously, the Welfare Officer has a key role to play in regard to these matters.

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