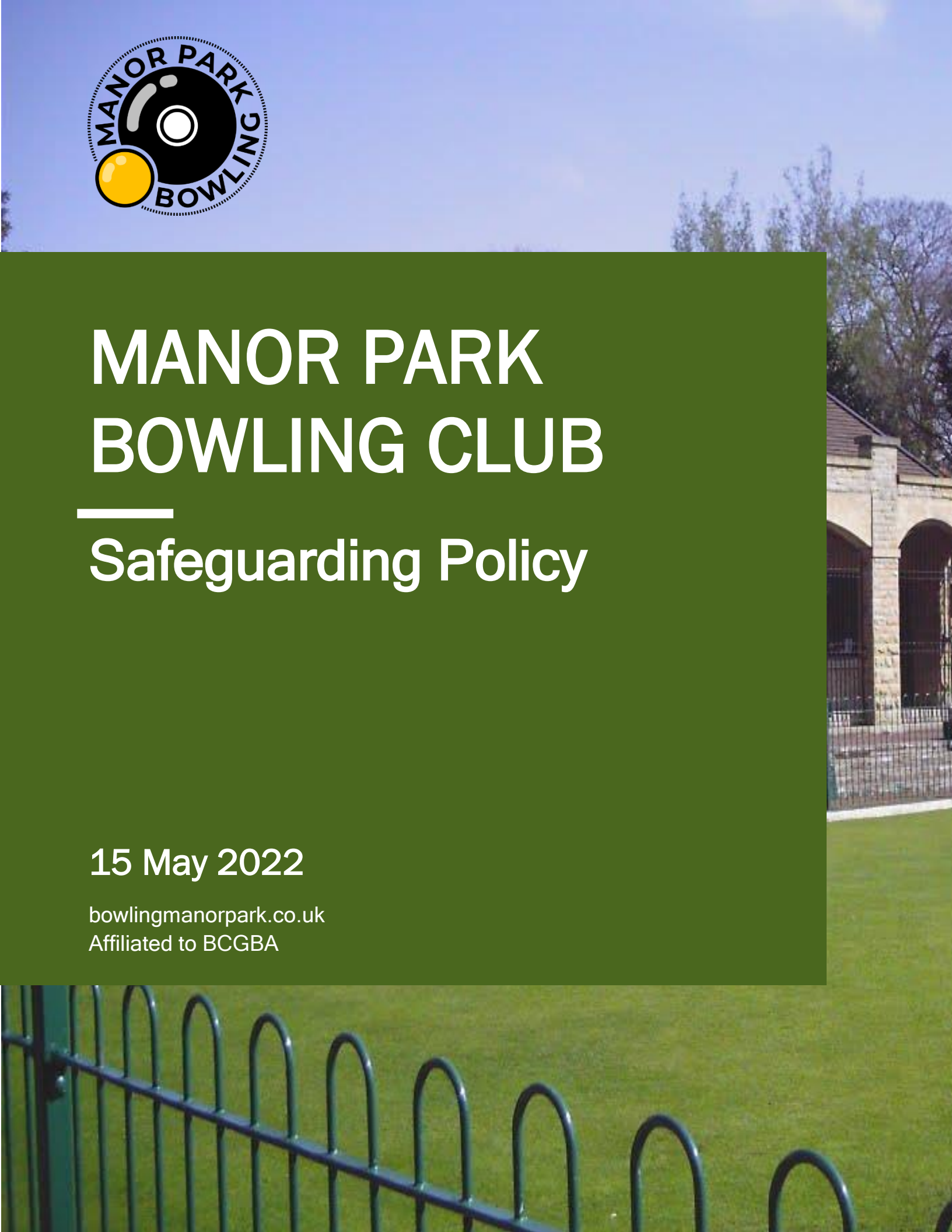

MANOR PARK BOWLING CLUB

Safeguarding Policy

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1. Purpose and Intent

This statement sets out the principles for Manor Park Bowling Club (hereinafter referred to as the "Club") for ensuring that children and vulnerable adults are protected, and to protect generally against bullying and harassment.

The Club's safeguarding policy and required behaviour for safeguarding and protection against bullying and harassment are in conformance with the safeguarding procedures of the British Crown Green Bowls Association (BCGBA) and the Bowls Development Alliance (BDA). This policy sets out the expected behaviour and multiple contacts to raise a safeguarding concern if a problem is suspected or encountered relating to safeguarding, bullying, or harassment. The Club will report any such issues to the appropriate authorities as outlined in this policy document and will undertake disciplinary action as required according to the BCGBA Bye-Laws and the Club Constitution. Such actions will also be supplemented by specific action plans as priorities are either determined or deemed necessary by the Club's Management Committee.

2. Policy and Required Behaviour

The Bowls Development Alliance (BDA) works in partnership with the BCGBA and other National Governing Bodies (NGBs) of bowls to build a safe environment for young people and adults to enjoy playing bowls. All partners are committed to ensuring that support is available to every affiliated club so systems can be put in place to make bowls an enjoyable and safe experience for all.

Everyone in bowls has a part to play in safeguarding young people and adults at risk. If any member or non-member has concerns about the welfare of an adult or child in bowls, whether the issue is inside or outside the sport, contact the Club Safeguarding Officer, County Safeguarding Officer, or NGB Lead Safeguarding Officer. Contact details are within this document. You can also contact the BDA Lead Safeguarding Officer for advice. See contact details at the end of this document.

If you have immediate concerns about the welfare of a child, contact the police on 101 or 999 in an emergency. You can also ring the NSPCC free helpline on 0808 800 5000.

If you have immediate concerns about the welfare of an adult, contact the police on 101 or 999 in an emergency. Support is also available via the Ann Craft Trust on 0115 951 5400.

3. Potential Concerns

Safeguarding concerns might include:

- Evidence of abuse or neglect of a bowls participant.
- Poor practice or inappropriate behaviour in coaching e.g. unnecessary touching or use of inappropriate language.
- Unnecessary messaging including harassment via social media, email, messaging applications, text messages, or phone calls.
- Individuals exploiting their position to gain access to children.
- Discriminatory language or behaviour.
- Bullying or harassment of adults by their peers.
- Breaking of the club code of conduct in relation to a safeguarding issue.

4. Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. Child protection is a part of safeguarding and promoting welfare. This refers to the activity which is undertaken to protect specific children who are suffering or are at risk of suffering significant harm. Safeguarding vulnerable adults is also a part of the wider role of safeguarding and promoting welfare. This refers to activity undertaken to protect specific vulnerable adults who are suffering or are at risk of suffering harm. All Club members have a responsibility to safeguard children and vulnerable adults and promote their welfare.

Club members should:

- Be alert to potential indicators of abuse or neglect.
- Be alert to the risks which individual abusers, or potential abusers, may pose to children or vulnerable adults.
- Contribute to whatever actions are needed to safeguard and promote welfare for children and vulnerable adults.
- Raise any safeguarding concerns with the Club Safeguarding Officer and/or any other relevant safeguarding authority named in this policy.
- Work co-operatively with parents, guardians, and/or official carers to ensure safety of the child or vulnerable adult, unless this is inconsistent with ensuring safety.

5. Actions of the Club Safeguarding Officer

The Club Safeguarding Officer will swiftly act upon any safeguarding concerns raised and will inform the County or National BCGBA Safeguarding Officers as appropriate. Action will be taken to prevent further safeguarding issues related to the concern raised. Disciplinary and/or legal processes will be followed by the County of National Safeguarding Officer as necessary to deal with any cases of harm.

6. Contacts for Safeguarding

Please find below details of who you can contact in an emergency:

ORGANISATION	CONTACT DETAILS
Police (Child Protection Team)	999
NSPCC (National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children)	0808 800 5000 Free 24-hour helpline www.nspcc.org.uk

Local safeguarding contacts:

ORGANISATION	CONTACT DETAILS
Club Safeguarding Officer for Manor Park Bowling	Ed Mountfield (Assistant Club Secretary and Club Safeguarding Officer) 07539 563042
BCGBA National Safeguarding Officer	Paul Ashmore safeguarding@bcgba.org.uk Complete safeguarding form at the link below: BCGBA Contact - National Safeguarding Officer | British Crown Green Bowling Association

Contacts for bowls national governing bodies:

	NGB	NAME	E-MAIL
	Bowls England	Alistair Hollis	alistair@bowlsengland.com
	English Indoor Bowling Association	Joanne Shore	joanneshore@eiba.co.uk
	British Crown Green Bowling Association	Paul Ashmore	safeguarding@bcgba.org.uk
	English Short Mat Bowling Association	Lynn Dean	lynn@esmba.co.uk
	English Bowling Federation	Jeanette Murphy	jeanette@murphys.karoo.co.uk

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The following organisations offer specialist support and advice for specific areas of abuse

ORGANISATION	CONTACT DETAILS
CHILDLINE	0800 1111 www.childline.org.uk
Free helpline for children and young people	
Child Protection In Sport (CPSU)	0116 234 7278
A division of the NSPCC specialising in sport related safeguarding support	
Ann Craft Trust	0115 951 5400
Safeguarding adults & young people at risk	
BULLYING	
Kidscape	0207 730 8300
Charity helping to prevent bullying	
Bullying UK	0808 800 2222
Advice and support for those being bullied	
INTERNET SAFETY	
Think you know	0870 000 3344
A guide to internet safety	
Child Exploitation on-line Protection Centre	www.ceop.police.uk/safetycentre/
SUPPORT	
British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy	01455 883300 www.bacp.co.uk
Advice on talking therapies including contact details of counsellors	
Samaritans	0845 790 9090
Citizens Advice Bureau	0345 404 0506
Age UK	0800 678 1602