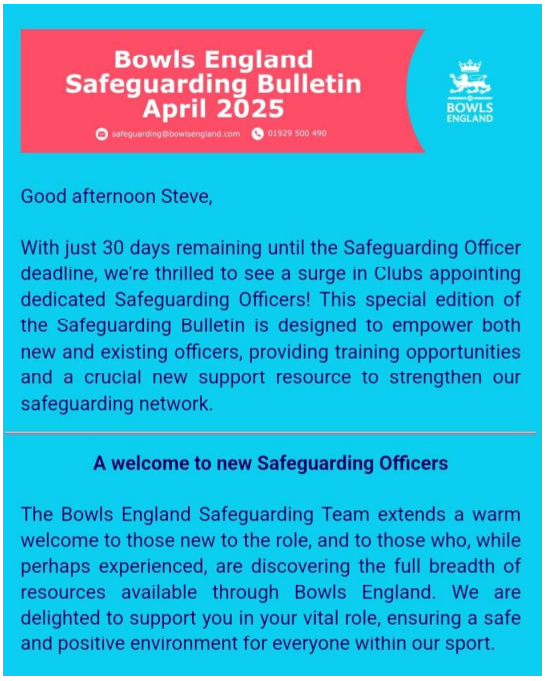
**Verwood Bowling Club Safeguarding Officer - Steve Green**

It is now a mandatory requirement from Bowls England for all affiliated Bowls Clubs and County Associations to have an appointed Safeguarding Officer, and for the Officer to be in place by May 2025. It's not just the case for bowls, as all major sports governing bodies mandate that their clubs have designated Safeguarding Officers.This is standard practice, and a clear expectation from Sport England.

I volunteered to represent our Club as Safeguarding Officer last year, and have since completed the required on-line training run by Bowls England and The Bowls Development Alliance along with many other people from Bowls Clubs all across the country.




***"We are committed to safeguarding all those who participate in our sport, ensuring they can do so in a safe, positive and enjoyable environment. We aim to enable all of our clubs and county associations to provide safe environments for all participants." (Bowls England)***

***"Everyone in bowls has a part to play in safeguarding young people and adults" (Bowls Development Alliance)***

I've set up a Safeguarding section on the Club Noticeboard aligned with requirements from the training … so please feel free and take a look through the contents of our Safeguarding folder. I'll update the information on a continual basis and also display new and/or relevant communications on the board.

I will always endeavour to do the right thing, at the right level, for our Club and as such welcome any discussion, chat or queries on Safeguarding (in person, phone or e-mail) and also importantly any feedback you may have.

Thanks, Steve