

Club Welfare Officers

Basingstoke Canal Canoe Club now has two Club Welfare Officers (formerly known as Child Protection / Welfare Officers), namely:

Tracy Rees Clark : tracyreesclark@aol.com / 01252 816207

Brian Biffin : brian.biffin@gmail.com / 01252 616692

We have both attended Sport England courses covering Good Practice and Child Protection courses and the current “Time to Listen” (NSPCC) course. We are your first point of contact, whether you are an adult or a child, should you have any cause for concern over possible poor practice, abuse, bullying or unexpected behavior, concerning a child, helper or coach.

Either one or both of us will be present on club nights, although we do reserve the right to spend some time on the water!

Notes for guidance: (fairly obvious, I know, but no harm in reminding ourselves).

- ❑ It is always best to assist our younger paddlers with buoyancy aids, spraydecks, getting in / out of boats in a spot which is well overlooked by other adults.
- ❑ Explain what you are doing as you go along. This will reduce the risk of any contact being mis – interpreted then mis – reported to friends, etc.
- ❑ Less than three there should never be is a good axiom here too.
- ❑ Photography / video: Please notify Tracy or Brian or a Club committee member before you take any photos / record media. This applies to each and every occasion.
- ❑ Last, but not least, whether coach or not, if you help with club events, you need a CRB. It is really not that onerous, and it really does help yourself and the Club.
- ❑ Now – let’s get wet!