

Suffolk Cricket Safeguarding Update: August 2025

Club Visits

This summer, I've enjoyed visiting clubs across the county and meeting with Club Safeguarding Officers. It's been inspiring to see the fantastic work of our dedicated volunteers and to discuss next steps while helping address club-specific challenges.

I'm eager to visit as many clubs as possible, so please get in touch to arrange a convenient date. I've mainly attended junior training evenings, but I'm happy to come during junior or open-age matches involving junior players—or at any time that works best for you.

Whatsapp Club SO Group

We're setting up a new WhatsApp group specifically for Club Safeguarding Officers. The purpose of the group is to provide important updates, share changes to safeguarding guidance, and send occasional reminders.

Please note: Only the County Safeguarding Officer will be able to send messages in the group, so it will be used strictly for key information—not for general chat.

If you'd like to be included, please let me know.

Lower Level Concerns (LLC)

We've seen a rise in LLC reports across the county. While this might seem concerning, it's actually a positive sign that recent training and updated LLC guidelines are helping clubs better understand what needs to be flagged.

The top three recurring issues are:

- Underage players participating in Open Age Hard Ball Cricket
- Inappropriate language and behaviour on the pitch (from both senior and junior players)
- Alcohol-related incidents during junior games

If you'd like to learn more about LLCs, please don't hesitate to get in touch.



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ECB Playing Survey

This year's ECB playing survey is now available to complete and can be accessed here:
2025 Playing Survey

The survey closes on the 24th August and takes approx 10 minutes to complete. We are encouraging as many people to complete the survey as possible so the ECB has a very good insight into how players and volunteers feel about recreational cricket.

What do you think?



Scan the QR Code to have your say on what you want extra support on.

Alternatively, simply email me directly with your thoughts and ideas

Useful Link for support & information: [ECB Safe Guarding Kit Bag](#)

