



**BOWLS
DEVELOPMENT
ALLIANCE.**
ROADSHOWS **2026**



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Team in the Room



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Order of Play

9:30 - 10:00

Registration

10:00 - 10:30

Introductions

- Staff/Team
- Why are we here?
- Who are the BDA?

Structure of the Sport

County Development Programme

Community Club Programme

10:30 - 10:45

NGB Affiliation & Benefits

10:30 - 12:30

Topics for Conversation

12:30 - 12:45

Henton and Chattell Ltd

12:45 - 1:45

Lunch / Bowling Greens

13:45 - 14:05

School Engagement

14:05 - 14:20

Bowls Buddies

14:20 - 15:05

**BDA Safeguarding
Active Lancashire**

15:05 - 15:30

NGB Programmes and Products

- Bowls Big Summer
- Bowl for Health
- Play Bowls (BE)
- Week of Learning

15:30 - 16:00

Q & A

Why are we here?



- **Connect & Build Relationships**
Meet peers and forge new partnerships.
- **Share Best Practice**
Exchange ideas, share successes and challenges.
- **Gain Knowledge and Insight**
What can we offer to support? What works and what doesn't?
- **Enhance Collaboration**
Pool resources and experiences for continuous improvement.
- **Drive Innovation**
Embrace new ideas to keep the sport dynamic.
- **Sustain Momentum**
Develop ongoing initiatives and support networks post-event.



Structure of the Sport



System Partner
Investment for the Sport

The Bowls Eco-System



Two-way relationship to support
the development of the sport



The Sport in Partnership



National Recruitment



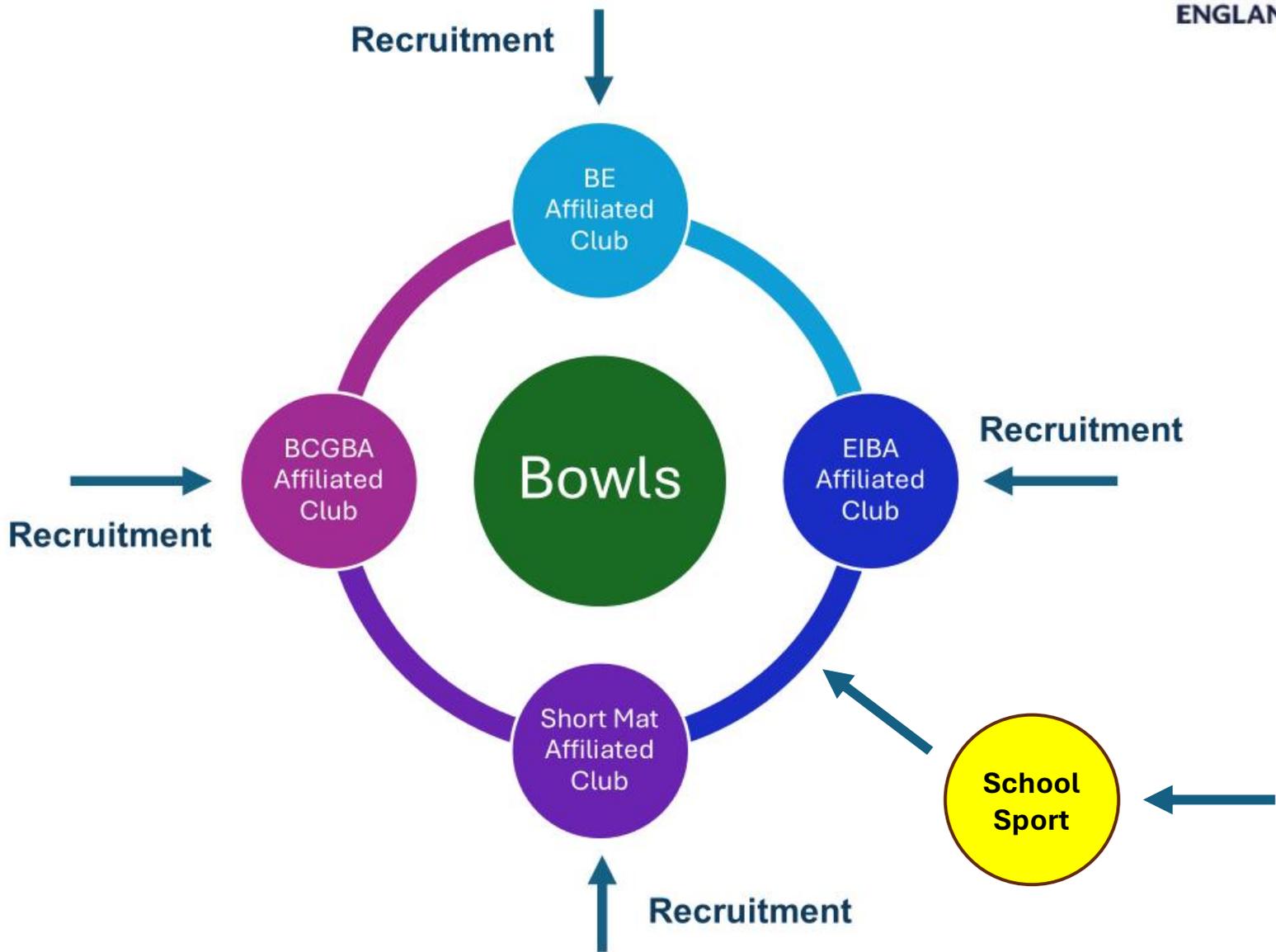
Club and Volunteer Development



Dedicated Development Officer Work



Customer Journey



Adult Participation





County Development Programme.

County Development Programme



Aims and Objectives:

- BDA Club and Community Development Officer will be dedicated to development work in a county throughout 2026 (Merseyside) to support all affiliated clubs.
- Drive, develop and deliver the sports programmes, products and services in partnership with Clubs, LA's and Volunteers.
- Listen to, and understand the challenges that clubs, counties and volunteers face locally and regionally. Support and champion changes that are needed across the county to ensure clubs are sustainable community assets for the future.
- Direct support to clubs and volunteers on Governance, Safeguarding, Development, Training and Recruitment.
- Creating sustainable networks and relationships across each county which will support the development and growth of the sport post engagement.



Community Club Programme

What is the Community Club Programme?



The Community Club programme is a dedicated and focused initiative that forms part of County Development work.

It is designed to help BCGBA Clubs engage with new communities, ensuring they reflect the society in which we live and promote increased diversity in the sport.

The programme provides clubs with the necessary support, information and connections to host community groups with the goal of boosting participation, membership while supporting more people to enjoy the sport.

Benefits to Clubs

- Increased membership, participation and diversity of players.
- Increased revenue through participation.
- Potential funding opportunities.
- Networking (Active Partnerships, Local Authority, Community organisations).
- Dedicated time and support from BDA Club and Community Development Officer.
- Education and support for Volunteers.



Benefits of Affiliation to NGB's

What does Affiliation mean to you/your Club?

****Task 3-4 Minutes**

NGB – National Governing Body

- Leadership.
- Govern activity.
- Ultimate custodian.
- Drive Sport.

Clubs and/or individuals affiliate to their sport's NGB to benefit from

- Lobby Key Stakeholders on your behalf.
- Eligible to enter Competition(s).
- Insurance - Public Liability, Personal Accident Liability Insurance.
- Eligible to apply to **BCGBA Grant Application**
- Access to other Funding pots that may require NGB Affiliation.
- Development Support from BCGBA and BDA.
- Access to Programmes and Products.
- Highlight Best Practice – Case Studies.
- National Development Strategy 2025-30.
- Safeguarding.
- Governance.
- Disciplinary Support.



Topics for Conversation

What is Your Club Offer?



Scenario

Imagine being a new player wanting to try the sport for the very first time and arriving at your club.

- What things matter to you?
- What would keep you at the club, and help you enjoy playing Bowls?
- What are the benefits of having various offers/opportunities at your club?

****5 Minutes Discussion**

What is Your Club Offer?



- How do you actively recruit members? **Table 1**
- How do you make sure you keep your existing members happy? **Table 2**
- How do you generate your revenue/funding? **Table 3**
- How do you promote your club to the local community? **Table 4**

****10 Minutes Discussion**

Funding

- Easyfundraising
- Sport England 'The Movement Fund'
- Local Authorities
- Councillors
- Supermarkets
- Sponsorships
- www.myfundingcentral.co.uk

Connecting with your Community



- How does your club currently connect with the community? **Table 1**
- Who is currently not walking through your doors and where are these people in your community? **Table 2**
- What barriers might exist for 'New' people? **Table 3**
- Identify how your club can create a more Welcoming and Positive environment? **Table 4**

****10 minutes discussion**

Connecting with your Community



- What does inclusive mean to you?
- Why does this approach benefit your club?

****5 Minutes Discussion**



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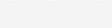
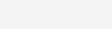
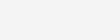
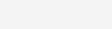
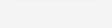
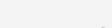
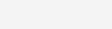
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 Fortis



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- **Displacement:** 196cc
- **Cutting Width:** 35cm / 14"
- **Drive:** Self Propelled
- **Cutting Height:** 6 - 30mm
- **Cutting Cylinder:** 6 Blade
- **Front Roller:** Steel
- **Rear Roller:** Split Smooth Steel
- **Interchangeable Cassettes:** Available Separately
- **Grass Box:** 55ltr
- **Drive System:** Heavy Duty
- **Weight:** 74kg

Cobra Fortis 17B

 **Fortis**



Engine: Briggs & Stratton XR550

- **Displacement:** 127cc
- **Cutting Width:** 43cm / 17"
- **Drive:** Self Propelled
- **Cutting Height:** 6 - 30mm
- **Cutting Cylinder:** 6 Blade
- **Front Roller:** Steel
- **Rear Roller:** Cast Ribbed Split
- **Interchangeable**

Cassettes: Available Separately

- **Grass Box:** 65ltr
- **Drive System:** Heavy Duty
- **Weight:** 83.6kg

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Cobra Fortis 25FTB



- Engine:** Briggs & Stratton XR750
- **Displacement:** 163cc
- **Cutting Width:** 63cm / 25"
- **Drive:** Self Propelled
- **Cutting Height:** 6 - 30mm
- **Cutting Cylinder:** 10 Blade
- **Front Roller:** Steel
- **Rear Roller:** Steel Rubber Coated Split
- **Interchangeable**



Briggs & Stratton XR750
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Front Steel Grooved Roller
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10 Bladed Cutting Cylinder
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- Drive:** Self Propelled
- Cutting Height:** 3 - 30mm
- Cutting Cylinder:** 10 Blade
- Front Roller:** Steel
- Rear Roller:** Cast Ribbed Split
- Grooved Roller & Turf Rake**
- Interchangeable Cass System:** Available Separ



Battery or Petrol Powered



Front Steel Grooved Roller
More grass is presented to the bottom blade resulting in a cleaner cut.



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- Cutting Width:** 63cm / 25"
- Drive:** Self Propelled
- Cutting Height:** 3 - 30mm
- Cutting Cylinder:** 10 Blade
- Front Roller:** Steel
- Rear Roller:** Steel Rubber
- Grooved Roller & Turf Rake**
- Interchangeable Cassette**



Battery or Petrol Powered



Front Steel Grooved Roller
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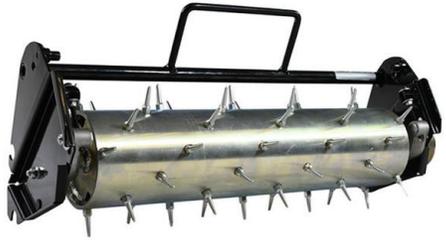
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LUNCH

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Networking Time



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School Engagement

Youth Sport Trust



The **Youth Sport Trust** is a **UK-based children's charity** whose mission is to improve the **education, wellbeing and life chances of young people through physical education, sport and play.**

They work across schools, communities and with educators to ensure every child has the opportunity to be active, included, and able to benefit physically and socially from sport.

As part of our direct partnership work, we are actively looking to support school engagement across England.

Through pilot work already undertaken we know that bowls can really support and give opportunity to those students who don't traditionally engage or enjoy PE. While bringing together a broad range of students who wouldn't normally work together or engage with one another.

Bowls is a fantastic sport which is challenging and rewarding both as an individual and as a member of a team. It develops hand-eye coordination, speed and distance awareness, teamwork, honesty, respect, and togetherness.

Youth Sport Trust



The Sport of Bowls working in partnership has developed an offer for Primary and Secondary Schools.

The aim is for the children to be introduced to the Sport, have lots of FUN using the Activity Cards, and can develop skills alongside hand-eye coordination.

Primary Schools

This focuses on using equipment already in the PE Cupboard (Tennis Balls, Cones, Bean Bags etc). Within the sessions, there's a competitive game (Bowls Bash) that can be used within a school, or as an Intra-School event (Among Children at the same school, not between different schools).

Secondary Schools

The focus is on delivering Bowls Bash through a short mat bowls offer in schools, to building relationships and a pathway to Affiliated Clubs near/in the local community.





Activator: Treasure Hunt

PRIMARY

How to play

- The 9 balls (Treasure) are placed in the middle of the area between each of the bases.
- One player from each team picks up a ball and 'Deliver' (roll) it towards the other bases.
- If the player misses the ball, they must return to their base and return to the middle of the area.
- Once the ball has reached the other bases, the player must then return to their base.
- Once all the balls from the other bases and steal the ball to the middle of the area.
- The team with the most balls is the winner.

How to make it easier

- Make the playing area smaller – less distance to run and roll the ball back to base.
- Make the base areas bigger – easier target to roll into.
- Increase the number of balls (New Age Bowls, Bowls Buddies) in the area – less time base raiding.

How to make it harder

- Make the playing area bigger – more distance to run and further to roll the ball back to base.
- Make the base areas smaller – harder target to roll into.
- Reduce the number of balls (New Age Bowls or Bowls Buddies) in the area – more time spent base raiding.

Spirit of the Games

- How accurate were you with rolling the ball into your base, how could you improve this next time?
- What should you do if you accidentally break a rule during a game?
- How did you communicate with each other during the activity? What tactics did you use, if any?
- What could you do next time to improve your teamwork and do better?

Equipment required

- 24 cones
- Odd number of tennis balls
- Optional – 8 Bibs, New Age Bowls or Bowls Buddies

Space required

- Approx. 6m x 6m
- Can be played on any suitable hard surface, grass will be fine.

Estimated set-up time

- 3 minutes.

Difficulty level

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Skill Based: Eliminator

PRIMARY

How to play

- Players all take turns to 'Deliver' (roll) their ball towards the line.
- Players score points depending on who is furthest away from the line.
- First (closest) 12 points, Second 10 points, Third 8 points, Fourth – 6 points, Fifth – 4 points.
- Each group plays three rounds.
- The player with the most points is the winner.

How to make it easier

- Shorten the distance between the lines.
- Play in teams of two for better scoring, team with the highest points wins.
- Change the scoring system to be closer together i.e. 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6.

How to make it harder

- Increase the distance between the lines.
- Once the group understands the concept of the game, introduce eliminations each round.
- Each round the player with the ball furthest away from the line is eliminated from that game.
- Ask the players who are eliminated to umpire the game and decide who is eliminated each round until they have a winner.
- Continue with scoring system with higher numbers to build in maths challenges when adding up.

Spirit of the Games

- How should you behave or act if other players didn't do as well as you?
- How can you support them even when you are competing against them?
- What was most enjoyable about this game?
- What did you take away from it that you can use again in other games?

Equipment required

- Sport hall markings – 1 tennis ball per player
- Optional - Replace ball with New Age Bowls or Bowls Buddies

Space required

- Players all line up arm reach line or line of cones – suggest 1 tennis ball per player
- Roll ball to a line or line of cones

Estimated set-up time

- 1 minute.

Difficulty level

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Competition Finisher: Bowls Bash

PRIMARY

How to play

- 4 players per 'Rink', 2 players per team.
- Place the 'Jack' (bean bag) 2/3rds of the way down the 'Rink'.
- Players 'Deliver' (roll) their ball from one end line towards the bean bag.
- Each team takes it in turns to 'Deliver' their ball.
- Closest to the 'Jack', scores 4 points, second closest scores 3 points, third closest scores 2 points, fourth closest scores 1 point.
- If a player's ball touches the 'Jack', they score 1 bonus point.
- Each game last 5 'Ends' (Rounds). The team with the most points at the end of the game wins.
- If the ball rolls outside of the 'Rink', either the sides or the end, the ball is out of play and does not score.
- In the event of a draw, each team nominates a player who takes part in a one ball shoot out, closest to the 'Jack' wins.

How to make it easier

- Reduce the distance between the delivery line and the bean bag.
- Increase the size of the target bean bag with large disc cone.
- Introduce more balls per team.

How to make it harder

- Increase the length between the delivery line and the target bean bag.
- Replace the bean bag 'Jack' with a ball, this adds in a moving target if they hit it with one of their balls. (Create a re-spot point so that if the target ball rolls outside of the 'Rink' then it can be replaced back in play).
- Reduce the size of the target ball so it is harder to score and win 'Toucher' points.
- Introduce a 'Powerplay'. Each team can nominate one 'End' where their points are worth double.

Spirit of the Games

- How did you approach the game, what were your tactics and what might you change next time?
- How did you stay motivated when you were scoring less points than the other team?
- How did you work out who was closest and furthest away from the jack? How did you resolve any disagreements?
- How could you improve the accuracy of how you decide?

Equipment required

- 6 cones
- 4 balls – in 2 different colours
- 1 bean bag 'Jack'
- Optional - Replace ball with New Age Bowls or Bowls Buddies

Space required

- Approximately 1.5 metres wide by approximately 4.5 metres long 'Rink' (area)

Estimated set-up time

- 4 minutes.

Difficulty level

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Youth Sport Trust



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Save the date



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**SPORTS
DIRECT**

**NATIONAL SCHOOL
SPORTS WEEK 2026**

6-12 JULY

A photograph of a group of children running in a race. They are wearing blue t-shirts with the Youth Sport Trust logo and "NATIONAL SCHOOL SPORTS WEEK 2025" printed on them. The background shows a fence and some greenery.



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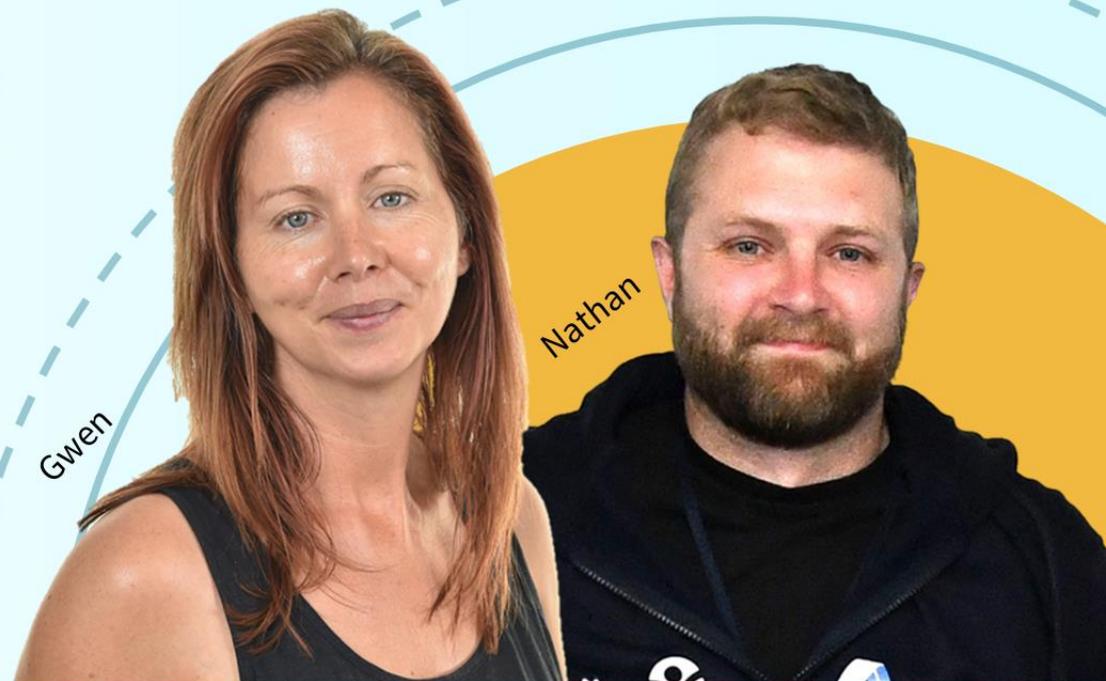


Craig Scott
BDA Safeguarding Manager



SPORT WELFARE OFFICERS

Overview of the Role & Work



SPORT WELFARE OFFICER NETWORK

A national network,
working towards
creating safer, more
inclusive and
sustainable sport and
physical activity.



North West Sport Welfare Officers

Lancashire - Nathan Moulds & Gwen Hughes

Greater Manchester - Rachel Garbutt & Lucy Daniel

Merseyside - Gemma West & Matt Moran

Cumbria - Liz Wright

Chester - Lauren Sage

For contact details of how to contact your local
Sport Welfare Officer get in touch with us or visit
activepartnership.org

Sport Welfare

Officer Network

Providing free, local and professional
support for Club Welfare Officers

The Sport Welfare Officer Network supports Club Welfare Officers to create safe, inclusive environments for children, young people and adults. We work with National Governing Bodies to connect sports and promote good welfare practice locally.

Our universal offer is:

- C** **Connect** - We provide ways for you to connect with other club volunteers.
- O** **Offer support** - We offer 1-2-1 bespoke support and can work with you to reflect on your club's practices and create a safer and more inclusive culture.
- R** **Raise awareness** - We can attend events to raise awareness about welfare with parents, carers and participants. We can support you to share campaigns and best practice in your club.
- E** **Enable** - We can provide, or signpost you to training and learning, to help you create a safer, more inclusive club.

Find out more at
activepartnerships.org

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Our APPROACH

Our role is all about helping clubs and organisations create safe, welcoming environments for everyone involved in sport.

Why is this important?

Because strong welfare practices don't just protect participants—they help clubs thrive. When people feel safe and supported, they're more likely to stay involved, bring friends, and even volunteer.

We've adopted a holistic approach to our support offer; meeting clubs and community groups where they are at and supporting them in meaningful ways, whether that's access to funding opportunities, safeguarding & welfare, networking or even promotion of the organisation to the wider community.



Our Club & Community Network on WhatsApp is a group for organisations across Lancashire to share ideas, insights and work, whilst also accessing resources and opportunities shared by the Sport Welfare Officers.



We have a Digital Noticeboard that is updated monthly. The Noticeboard explores different themes with blogs and Spotlights on clubs and organisations, signposting information, training and events and much more.

For more information about the WhatsApp group or Noticeboard, get in touch with us as welfare@activelancashire.org.uk



WHO WE ARE

Hello!

Our names are Gwen and Nathan. We are Sport Welfare Officers, working for Active Lancashire.

Our roles are funded through Sport England and are part of an initiative to increase welfare capacity and expertise at a local and national level and share best practice to help prevent concerns, making sport and physical activity safe for everyone.

Everyone has the right to feel welcome, safe, respected and valued. That is our goal!

WHO WE WORK WITH

 National Governing Bodies	 Affiliated Sports Clubs
 Non-affiliated Sports Clubs	 Community Groups & Activities
 Local Authorities & Education	 Other Agencies & Organisations



WHAT CAN WE OFFER?

 Build connections & develop relationships We have a number of ways of connecting you with other clubs, groups and organisations across Lancashire. Whether it's via our Network on WhatsApp, our Hub on Facebook or direct contact, we have something for you.	 Guide clubs towards resources and guidance We continue to build a pool of resources that clubs and community groups may find useful. If you are in need of specific support, get in touch and we can point you in the right direction or send you relevant information.	 Sharing best practice and learning from each other One of our best assets is the skills and experience of others in the network. We want to share best practice to build stronger, more connected clubs and groups. We have our first forum coming up to be able to continue these conversations.
 Upskilling your staff and volunteers Whether it is through our Active Lancashire Learning Zone or through other agencies such as Ann Craft Trust or CPSU there are lots of training opportunities out there. We can organise training or send you courses to book onto.	 Assisting your Club Welfare/Safeguarding We are looking to work with club welfare or safeguarding officers to help promote positive welfare cultures and develop club policies and procedures. We have created member workshops to support clubs in their welfare journey.	 Celebrating success and raising awareness We have a number of platforms we can use to shout about the amazing work going on in the county; whether it's via our WhatsApp group, Facebook page or the notice board, we can help boost awareness about your activity.

GET IN TOUCH FOR MORE INFORMATION
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EXAMPLES OF OUR WORK

Volleyball



- Supported a club with accessing funding opportunity which helped secure a regular venue.
- Supported them in affiliating with the NGB.
- Supported with the creation of a member-created Code of Conduct.
- Part of the WhatsApp group and receiving the Noticeboard.

Football



- Supported LFA with reviewing and updating their Safeguarding Strategy for 2025-2028.
- Recently helped facilitate a Player Care workshop run by Sally Donnelly with 30+ coaches.

Badminton

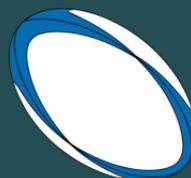


- Supported a club with reviewing safeguarding and governance paperwork such as their Club Constitution, Safeguarding Policy and Codes of Conduct.
- Offered support and signposting on a number of topics including recruiting volunteers and reviewing roles/responsibilities using social media to increase engagement and communication with existing members.

“The most valuable part of our meetings has been the way Gwen and Nathan have been able to appreciate how our club functions, the challenges we face and how we can address them.”

“I got in touch originally because I felt that a fresh pair of eyes, looking at our club from the outside, would be beneficial. My main concern was the fact that although members clearly enjoy their Badminton sessions their attendance is very variable, and since we are a social club and don't offer league Badminton, there is no necessity to attend on a regular basis.”

Rugby Union



- Support club with reviewing and refining Complaints & Disciplinary Procedure
- Reviewed Safeguarding Policy and brought in line with RFU standards
- Ran a member experience workshop called ‘Our Club, Our Voice, exploring topics around safety, inclusion, engagement and participant voice.

Judo



- Connected a club with welfare support and signposting.
- Supported the club to run a Youth Voice initiative across the club.
- This led to an invite from British Judo to join the National Youth Voice Forum.
- Delivered Time to Listen: Welfare Officer training to individuals from several Judo clubs.

How we can **SUPPORT** you

For any club looking for support, we want to learn from you about your club, your achievements and successes and what your needs and priorities are. It may not be safeguarding or welfare related and that's fine. Tell us what support you need and we can tailor our offer to suit you. It all starts with a conversation.

TRAINING

We offer a number of courses that we can deliver online or in person to your staff/volunteers and coaches including:

- Safeguarding & Protecting Children
- Safeguarding Adults
- Safeguarding for Young Coaches/Volunteers
- Time to Listen: Welfare Officer Training
- A range of bitesize e-learning modules



WORKSHOPS

We have created bespoke workshops for clubs and that can be tailored to your needs or areas of focus, including:

- 'Our Club, Our Voice' - a member experience workshop designed to hear the voices of participants.
- 'One Small Step' - a youth voice session aimed at understanding young perspectives in your club.



POLICY/PROCEDURE REVIEW

We can act as a critical friend for your club and support you in reviewing and updating your policies and procedures, ensuring not just that they are compliant but that they are embedded into the culture of the club.

This could include:

- Club Constitution/Articles of Association
- Safeguarding Policy
- Codes of Conduct
- Complaints/Disputes Procedures



CULTURE REFLECTION TOOL

We are piloting a Culture Reflection Tool, created in collaboration with Sport Structures. The tool's flexibility allows clubs to do some lighttouch reflection on what is happening within their club or do a deep-dive into the club cultures.

From there we can support you in creating a plan for the future based on identified needs or areas for improvement.



SIGNPOSTING & SUPPORT

We aren't the experts in every topic or area of focus you may have but within our Sport Welfare Officer network we are connected with a wide range of organisations (locally and nationally) who can support your club in meaningful ways.

Whether it's mental health support, online safety, social media advice or funding grants, we can point you in right direction.



NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

We believe one of the most important aspects of our role is facilitating networking and connection building in the community. This opens the door to shared learning, celebrating success and collaboration.

We have our online community by way of our WhatsApp Club & Community Network and also run connection events such as our Breakfast and Supper Clubs.



How to *GET IN TOUCH*

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Question 1

What is adult safeguarding in sport?

A. Preventing injuries during training

B. Protecting adults from abuse, harm, and exploitation within sport

C. Managing competition rules



Question 2

Disclosures must be reported even if you're unsure

A True

B False

C Don't Know



Question 3

If you witness concerning behaviour by another coach or volunteer, you should:

A Deal with it yourself

B Ignore it if no harm occurred

**C Report it to the clubs
Safeguarding/Welfare Officer**



Question 4

A child at your club is frequently hungry is this

A Safeguarding Concern

B Something you will monitor

C No Concern



Safe experience



Useful Contacts

Bowls Development Alliance

Click above for BDA Safeguarding / Resources

British Crown Green Bowling Association - (BCGBA)

Report concerns to Denise Noble - safeguarding@bcgba.org.uk

English Short Mat Bowls Association - (ESMBA)

Report concerns to Lynn Dean - lynn@esmba.co.uk

You can also contact your County Safeguarding Officer, or

Sue Sinclair (NL&F County Safeguarding Officer) - suesinclair1958@gmail.com

Craig Scott (BDA Safeguarding Manager) - safeguarding@bowlsdevelopmentalliance.com



NGB Programmes & Products



Bowls Big Summer



Why Bowls' Big Summer?



- Increasing participation is the single most important priority for most clubs and we know open days work.
- Clubs asked for more flexibility than what Bowls Big Weekend originally provided.
- The 4 x NGB's are now working together with the BDA on Bowls Big Summer to provide clubs with the opportunity to open their doors at a date/times that works best for them.

You can make the most of this opportunity by:

- Register your Clubs Expression of Interest for - **Bowls Big Summer** asap
- Open Days - Recruitment.
- Build on the popularity and the learnings from Bowls' Big Weekend 2025.
- Is this a good time to think about School / Community Engagement?
- Commonwealth Games in Glasgow only has 10 x Sports. Bowls is one of them. Great opportunity to engage with your Local Community
- Massive media interest. Chance to drive people to Clubs.
- National marketing materials to promote your Club.





Bowl for Health



- **Bowl for Health** is the Bowls Development Alliance's outreach programme.
- Helping bowls clubs and other providers to support Community Health and Wellbeing.
- It combines physical activity with social engagement to improve both physical and mental health, while promoting inclusivity and reducing barriers for people at risk of social isolation or inactivity.
- The programme offers free, weekly 60-minute bowls sessions, followed by informal social time, creating a welcoming environment that encourages ongoing participation.
- Its purpose is to develop local networks to deliver a minimum 8-week programmes for people over 40 or people with long-term health conditions, helping them start or restart physical activity.
- The core outcomes include reducing physical inactivity, increasing social connections and building confidence.



Week of Learning



FREE Webinars delivered for members of Clubs Affiliated to BCGBA, Bowls England, EIBA and ESMBA.

Sessions on:

- Bowls Big Summer
- Get Your Club Online
- Play Bowls Platform
- What Should High Quality Coaching Look Like?
- Dementia Friends Awareness
- What Does a Well-Run Club Look Like? Peer to peer workshop
- Safeguarding – How to implement safeguarding in your club
- Club Health Checker – How to complete it
- Bowls Bash

Week of Learning for March 2026 - [For more information and to Book](#)



Play-Bowls.Com

PlayBowls



- **PlayBowls** is a Free Resource
- Club Finder by Post Code.
- It gives Clubs the opportunity to be visible in the community.
- Important tool, especially if your Club does currently not have a Website or use Social Media.
- Signposts 'New' people to your club, who may want to give Bowls a go!

Next Steps



- We encourage all Clubs to complete the **Club Health Checker**. Think of it as an MOT on your Club.
- Reach out to the BDA Club and Community Development Officer (Paul) for support, help, advice or further information on any of the programmes or products.
- Look at 'Week of Learning' webinars in March and get Club Committee/Member(s) to attend a webinar or two.
- Also have a conversation with your County Development Officer, Steve Clamp or Jayne McKay (National Development Officer) about your aspirations.
- Consider producing a Club Development Plan to give you/members - Short, Medium and Long Terms aims.
- Register your Expression of Interest (EOI) for - **Bowls Big Summer**
- Look at your **Affiliation** where appropriate to gain access and support from your NGB and the BDA.
- Register for **The Community Foundation for Lancashire** or **The Community Foundation for Merseyside**

Post Event

- You will receive an Email with the slides from today, links to all programmes and products
- Short feedback Survey about today's Roadshow.



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Thank You!

Good Luck for the Season
Have a Safe Journey Home