

Welfare Officers' Report – 2015

Although there were no major incidents to report during the course of the season – which is always pleasing to report – a number of other areas are on the Welfare Officers' agenda as we move into the 2016 season.

I will be undertaking a review of our First Aid stocks and compliance before the new season following a couple of incidents during matches where treatment was required. Furthermore, I am mindful of the fact that we are now hosting home fixtures away from our Parvis Road ground and I will ensure that our 3rd XI have everything needed to at least meet the minimum levels of compliance expected of us as the home club.

There were some disappointing instances of glasses and bottles being smashed in the vicinity of the practice net during the season, and I will be looking at how we can prevent such items reaching this area, creating an obviously avoidable hazard for all members.

Renewal of various DBS checks (formerly known as 'CRB checks') and other required clearance is - as always - on the agenda and will be reviewed over the winter period.

With the club examining exactly how the Clubhouse improvements will take shape, the challenge of ensuring that the Club remains compliant in numerous legislative areas – which ultimately affects our vital Clubmark accreditation - remains a very high priority and I thank our members for continuing to support the Club in these areas.

--- Neal Jones (Welfare Officer, Byfleet Cricket Club)