

LEICESTER ROWING CLUB SAFEGUARDING AND WELFARE REPORT – AGM 2026

ACTIVE TOGETHER

In May we got together with Gillian Haluch Sport Welfare Officer Active Together, who is a very obliging and useful source and sent some guidelines regarding how to manage the information regarding Tylers death. Laura came to a junior session and spoke to the junior squad about grieving and managing emotions.

Also with her contacts we have been made aware of an accreditation as a Mental Health Friendly Club, and we are now registered with Active Health Leicester. Members are invited to free workshops which are open to sports clubs and activities. We will publicise these to Squad Leads and members.

Gillian has also given advice to future proof the changing rooms in the future.

BOOKING FORMS

The club is introducing booking forms for the gym, ergs as well as boats. As using the facilities outside of regular hours we do need to know who is in the building, what time, doing which activity and at all times making sure we comply with safeguarding requirements.

DBS CHECKS

There have been a lot of teething troubles with the company that manages DBS applications, (Knowyourpeople, that used to be called First Advantage) with delays, a different format and problems for international applicants. Our applicants have finally received their clearance and certification and we have now met all the BR requirements for DBS checks to be done.

CPR AND DEFIBRILLATOR SESSION

Anne again arranged the Steve Humphries De Fib evening during SADS week, and a spectacular 40 folk attended! Our thanks to Steve and his team for coming every year to do this session for all club members.

BR POLICIES

Item 9 on the Agenda refers to the BR Club Policies. Leicester is an affiliated Club, and the Regatta an affiliated event, and must comply with BR Policies. These have all been recently reviewed, and can be found on the link on the Notice. The Safeguarding Policies have been thoroughly reviewed, and the procedure now is that all concerns must be reported directly to BR, much in the same way as safety incidents are reported to BR. The link is in the Notice, and will be posted in the Clubhouse.

It has been a terrible year and so very difficult for the volunteer coaches of the junior squad after the death of Tyler and I particularly wanted to highlight how well they coped dealing with his family, the funeral, as well as continuing with training and managing their own emotions. Liz Howard Angela and Sally you have been so wonderful.

Kim Clark
Club Welfare Officer
22nd October 2026