

Dear Club Officials, Members, Volunteers, Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well.

I am writing to introduce myself as the new Designated Safeguarding Officer (DSO) for BSCRA, taking over from Mark Witham.

Before anything else, I would like to thank Mark for his commitment, time and dedication to the role over the years. Safeguarding is an important responsibility, often carried out behind the scenes, and I know many clubs and members have benefited from his support and guidance. I am grateful for the work he has done and for the strong foundations he has helped establish.

For those who do not know me, my name is Aneisha Clements. I have been a spectator of slot car racing for around 12 years and have recently taken the step of becoming a club member myself, regularly attending club nights and taking part in events such as the Clubman Nationals. Away from slot car racing, I am a primary school teacher and have worked in education for the past seven years. I am currently a Senior Teacher and Key Stage 2 Lead and, more recently, have held the role of Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) within my school. Through these roles I have gained extensive experience in safeguarding, child protection, policy development and supporting children, young people and families.

I am delighted to be taking on this role within BSCRA and look forward to working with clubs across the country. Slot car racing is a fantastic community, and safeguarding plays an important part in ensuring that everyone—children, young people and adults alike—can enjoy the sport in a safe, welcoming and respectful environment.

Safeguarding is not solely the responsibility of one individual. It is something we all play a part in. Whether you are a club official, volunteer, parent, competitor or spectator, it is important that we all have an awareness of safeguarding, understand the standards of behaviour expected within our clubs, and know what to do should a safeguarding concern arise. Creating a positive culture where people feel safe, respected and able to raise concerns is something we all contribute to.

Over the coming weeks, I will be in touch with clubs regarding updated safeguarding policies, procedures and supporting documentation. This will include documents that should be displayed in communal club areas, along with codes of conduct and behavioural expectations to help ensure consistency across all clubs.

My aim is to support clubs in maintaining environments that are safe, inclusive and enjoyable for everyone involved, while ensuring that safeguarding procedures are clear, practical and easy to follow.

Should you have any safeguarding concerns, questions or simply wish to introduce yourself, please feel free to contact me at:

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I look forward to working with you all and supporting the continued development of safeguarding across BSCRA.

Thank you for your time and support.

Warm regards,

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