

Report from Somerset County Child Protection Officer
Meeting 19th October 2005

I am sure that whether or not you realize it but most clubs are operating best practice with regards to Child and Vulnerable Adults Protection and also ensuring that their coaches are also protected. I have spoken at length to several clubs and found that they have implemented new guidelines and appointed their own club **CPO**.

The **G.N.A.S** is very keen to adhere to the new guidelines and they are clearly defined in coaching manuals and details can also be extracted from the **GNAS website**.

Our club. The Bowmen of **Danesfield** has implemented all the new requirements, as we have a very active junior club and we value not only the safety of our children but also the coaches who help them enjoy their sport.

It's not rocket science, safety is paramount and also ensuring that everyone who has significant contact with children has a current **CRB**, Attending child protection courses makes everyone aware of possible tricky situations and it has made little or no difference to anyone in our club. Paperwork is kept to a minimum and the GNAS are usually very prompt at returning CRB checks.

However, we have one case of a helper who has still not had here clearance since we applied in April 2005. We have been told there is a hold up, no reasons given, and could we start the whole process again. This is clearly not acceptable and I would like to be informed if any other club suffers with this problem as it highlights a real loophole in the system.

Please, enjoy archery, stick to the guidelines and if you have any queries you can contact me by email in the first instance.

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