



STAFFORDSHIRE FA's

WELFARE OFFICERS NEWSLETTER

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Welcome, to the first edition of the Welfare Officers' Newsletter, which we hope to become a regular publication.

Inside, you will find a variety of articles and information, which we hope you will find of interest.

In forthcoming editions, we would like to publish contributions from you.

If you have any interesting articles that you would like to share with colleagues, then please send them to us in the office. These can be examples of good practice or advice you think may be of use to your fellow Welfare Officers.

Regards

The Welfare team at Staffordshire FA

MEET OUR NEW WELFARE OFFICER...

We would like to introduce you to our new County Welfare Officer, Stephen Kirkham who started on May 4th. Steve is taking over from David Bufton and will be working full time in the office.

Steve recently retired from the Staffordshire Police, having completed over 30 years service within the county.

A Detective Constable since 1996, Steve worked within the Child Abuse

Investigation Unit so has a wealth of experience in the Child Welfare area.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Steve to the Staffordshire FA and wish him the best of luck in his new role.



AFFILIATION REQUIREMENTS 2010/2011

In order for ALL Youth Clubs and Leagues to affiliate for the 2010/11 season, they must have in place ALL of the following requirements;

- 1) A Club Welfare Officer who has a completed enhanced CRB Disclosure**
- 2) Completed The FA Safeguarding Children Workshop**
- 3) Completed The Welfare Officer Workshop**

Clubs who do not have all of the requirements will not be allowed to affiliate for the 2010/2011 season.

Course dates and information on how to book on to a course can be found on the next page. Please note clubs submitting their affiliation forms after 30th June will be subject to pay a £10 late affiliation fee.

FOLLOW US ON TWITTER

Staffordshire FA has recently launched it's own Twitter Page.

On there you will find a list of upcoming events, courses and all of the latest news from Staffordshire FA.

Follow us on:

www.twitter.com/staffordshirefa

REPORTING AN INCIDENT

If you wish to report a Child Welfare incident, you need to contact Steve Kirkham our County Welfare Officer.

It is vital that you report any incidents as soon as possible, to allow us to deal with the enquiry appropriately.

You can contact Steve by phoning the office or by email (details on next page)

All enquiries will be treated confidentially.

HOW TO BOOK A COURSE

- Visit our website www.staffordshirefa.com/development and click on "Events/Courses, Book online" (see right)
- Click on the date you would like to attend
- Log in using your FAN number and your password. (If you do not have a password send an email containing your FAN number, Name, Address and Date of Birth to getonline@thefa.com)
- Enter the details of the candidate who will be attending the course
- Enter your payment details (credit/debit card) and confirmation will be sent to the email address provided

The screenshot shows the Staffordshire County FA website. The main heading is 'DEVELOPMENT take your skills to the next level'. Below this is a search bar for events or organizations. A table lists various courses and events with columns for Event Name, Start Date, Spaces, and Venue.

Event Name	Start Date	Spaces	Venue
1st4sport Level 1 Certificate ...	07/05/2010	Full	Cheslyn Hay Leisure Centre, WS6 7JQ
Safeguarding Children (SGC)	10/05/2010	Full	Staffordshire Football Association Ltd, ST18 0LQ
Welfare Officers Workshop (WOS)...	11/05/2010	Full	Staffordshire Football Association Ltd, ST18 0LQ
FA Youth Award Module 1 - Deve...	15/05/2010	7	Alleyne's Leisure Centre, ST15 8DR
Welfare Officers Workshop (WOS)...	03/06/2010	Full	The Michelin Training Ground, ST4 6NL
Safeguarding Children (SGC)	08/06/2010	15	The Michelin Training Ground, ST4 6NL
1st4sport Level 1 Certificate ...	17/06/2010	2	The Hardman Centre, ST2 7DN
1st4sport Level 1 Certificate ...	25/06/2010	4	Chasetown Specialist Sports College, WS7 3QW
Welfare Officers Workshop (WOS)...	28/06/2010	Full	Brownhills Community Technology College, WS8 7QG
FA Goalkeeping Coaching Certif...	03/07/2010	20	Beaconside Sports Centre, ST18 6AD
1st4sport Level 1 Certificate ...	04/07/2010	23	Kington Recreation Centre, ST5 6BX
Welfare Officers Workshop (WOS)...	12/07/2010	7	Staffordshire Football Association Ltd, ST18 0LQ
Safeguarding Children (SGC)	15/07/2010	23	Staffordshire Football Association Ltd, ST18 0LQ
1st4sport Level 1 Certificate ...	16/07/2010	13	Weston Road High School, ST18 0YQ

You can also reserve your place on a course by sending payment to the office, indicating which course you would like to attend. Alternatively some Leagues may have organized their own courses. Please contact your League Welfare Officer for further information. If you have any queries, please contact Julie Wilshire in the office.

COURSE DATES 2010

Below is a list of Welfare Officer Workshop's taking place across the county.

All workshops take place at 6.30pm to 9.30pm.

14th July	Longton Rugby Club
19th July	Cheslyn Hay Leisure Centre
27th July	Staffordshire FA
5th August	Staffordshire FA

Places are reserved on a first come, first served basis and can be booked through our website.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!!

If you would like to see your club featured in the next edition of the Welfare Officer Newsletter, then please send your articles to Julie Wilshire.

The article could be a profile of yourself or your club or an example of a Welfare related situation that has come up and how you dealt with it .

We will be awarding a Coaching Kit to every club that is featured in the Newsletter so send your articles in as soon as possible.

USEFUL CONTACTS

CRB Unit Nottingham:

0845 210 8080

The Safeguarding Children Unit:

01159 694600

NSPCC:

0808 800 5000

Childline:

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