

Welfare Officer at Broughton Tennis Club Information for Children and Young People

The vast majority of people know how to behave with and around young people. Unfortunately a small number of people need to be reminded of what is ok and not ok, and an even smaller number of people are unable to follow these rules. In the unlikely event of this behavior happening support should be sought in order that people can raise their concerns.

What should I know?

The most likely reason for someone needing to intervene in the interests of children and young people is inappropriate or unsporting behaviour at the tennis club. This may include shouting, racquet abuse or swearing. Sometimes, children and young people may feel uncomfortable for other reasons (for example name-calling or bullying).

What should I do?

It is important to discuss any concerns you may have with a parent or an adult you trust. They should be able to help you deal with situations like these and may give you advice about how to avoid similar incidents in the future. It is <u>always</u> OK to raise concerns; you shouldn't be worried about getting into trouble about talking about these issues.

How should I keep safe?

You should rely on your feeling and common sense. If you are at the tennis club alone or with other young people, make sure a parent or other adult knows where you are and what time to expect you back. It is probably also worth having a mobile phone handy in case of any problem.

If further information is required, the club Welfare Officer is available to discuss this with you and can be used to seek further guidance or help:

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