

PRESS RELEASE

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Staffordshire club hits the mark with national golf accreditation for safeguarding

Wolstanton Golf Club in Staffordshire, which is backing the drive to grow the game, has achieved the SafeGolf club accreditation from England Golf.

Wolstanton Golf Club, an 18-hole course, has just received the SafeGolf award, demonstrating the club's commitment to safeguarding children and young people, as well as adults in risk in the sport of golf.

The club has a membership initiative to attract new members of all abilities, which is proving very successful. Golf packages are also available and include coaching sessions. Junior golf coaching takes place every Saturday morning and Tuesday after school when circumstances allow. There are also activities organised for the school holidays.

The club has recently achieved the 'Women in Golf Charter' accreditation – another proud moment for the club. Initiatives are in place for when the current Covid-19 restrictions are lifted which include gents and ladies group coaching sessions.

Stuart Chadwick, Junior Organiser, who led the club's push to achieve SafeGolf, said: "Wolstanton Golf Club is a great club, it's very friendly, welcoming and forward-thinking. This award helps us to spread that message and to tell people that children are safe and secure here and that we understand about beginner golfers."

The award was presented to Stuart by Mark Romasiuk, England Golf's Midlands West Club Support Officer. "I'm delighted that Wolstanton has achieved SafeGolf and that its efforts to grow the game can be nationally recognised."

The SafeGolf is a partnership of UK golf bodies committed to promoting a safe and positive environment for all those participating, working and volunteering in the sport of golf.

The SafeGolf partnership consists of members from the golfing bodies across Great Britain & Ireland and has been established to help golf respond to the issue of child protection in sport. Its mission is to safeguard the welfare of children and young people, as well as adults at risk, in the sport of golf.

SafeGolf is firstly, a website – www.safegolf.org – through which anyone with a concern about the welfare of a player, or the behaviour or practice of a coach, volunteer, organiser, parent or a player, can contact the lead safeguarding officer at their national governing body.

Secondly, it is the safeguarding standard England Golf will promote to all their affiliated clubs to ensure all clubs provide a safe and positive experience to children and young people whilst playing golf. The PGA are also using the standards to apply to all their PGA professional Coaches.

Find an accredited coach – www.safegolf.org

Coming Soon – a full list of clubs and facilities that uphold the standards of SafeGolf will be housed here – www.safegolf.org