

The committee has asked me to provide a copy of the information below to each club member. It follows decisions at the 2010 AGM and deals with our publicised statement of how we propose to meet the requirements for child and vulnerable person protection. The committee asks that you familiarise yourself with the NSRA policy and the Club's approach to meeting these requirements. It is important that we all follow our adopted policy, especially when young people are at the club, travelling to or from events or staying overnight at an event, not only for the protection of young people but also to protect others from allegations arising from misunderstandings. Secretary.

Chichester Rifle and Pistol Club

Child and Vulnerable Adults Protection

As with many other organisations it is a requirement that the Club appoints a Child Protection Officer (CPO).

This recognises that every member of the Club has a duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and vulnerable adults and provides a way to deal with any alleged problems.

Chichester Rifle and Pistol Club has adopted the policy and procedures of the NSRA to prevent situations arising where misunderstandings about the behaviour of any member may arise and to deal with any alleged incidents. The NSRA policy and procedures are set out in the booklet *Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults in Target Shooting* a copy of which can be seen at the Club or downloaded from:

<http://www.nsra.co.uk/index.php/home/reference/codes-guidance>

Any member, junior member, probationary member or visitor who feels there may be a case of abusive behaviour against themselves or someone else who is under the age of 18 years, or is a vulnerable adult, whilst at the Club or whilst at a Club event elsewhere is invited to make contact as soon as possible with the CPO. As far as possible please **do not discuss the matter with any other Club member.**

The CPO can be contacted at the Club or it may save time to send them an email and ask them to telephone you. If using email please **do not provide any details of the problem in the email**, just state your telephone number and suggest 2 or 3 days and times when you could take the call. The CPO will let you know as soon as possible by email when they will be able to call you to arrange a time to meet and discuss the problem. It is very important that you are then able to take the call, so please inform the CPO by email if your availability changes.

The Club's CPO is:

Mr Christian Flaxbeard email: cflaxbeard@gmail.com

Please also see the Club documents 1) Risk Analysis for Vulnerable Persons 2) Travel Arrangements for Vulnerable Persons 3) Club policy on taking and publishing photographs. Copies are placed in the membership application packs and are available from the Club Secretary.