



Bridgnorth Rowing Club Regatta Welfare Briefing 2026

Bridgnorth Regatta 2026 – Volunteer Briefing

Thank you for volunteering at the 2026 Bridgnorth Regatta. Your time and dedication help us deliver a safe, enjoyable, and successful event for all participants, spectators, and especially for children and vulnerable individuals.

Your Role as a Volunteer

As a regatta volunteer, you are the face of the event and a key part of ensuring a welcoming and safe environment. Your duties may include:

- Supporting competitors and directing them as needed
- Monitoring areas for safety or inappropriate behaviour
- Helping with equipment, marshalling, car parking, or hospitality
- Assisting the public with general queries

Safeguarding – Everyone’s Responsibility

Bridgnorth Rowing Club is committed to safeguarding the welfare of all participants, especially juniors and vulnerable adults. All volunteers are expected to:

- Be approachable and vigilant
- Treat all individuals with respect
- Know how to recognise and report concerns
- Follow the British Rowing Codes of Conduct

If You Have a Safeguarding Concern

If you see, hear, or are told something that concerns you about a child or vulnerable adult, do not ignore it. Take the following steps:

1. Report immediately to the Event Welfare Officer:

Name: Lucy Warren

Location: Race Control, Bridgnorth Rowing Club Car Park

Available all day in person or via Race Control

Email: welfare@rowatbridgnorth.co.uk

Tel: 07800 739875

2. What to report:

What was said, seen, or heard

Who was involved

When and where it happened

3. Your actions

Keep the information confidential. Only share with the Welfare Officer or Race Control.

Specific Scenarios to Be Aware Of

- Inappropriate Behaviour: Foul, abusive, or discriminatory language must be challenged and reported.
- Photography Concerns: If you observe photography that appears intrusive or inappropriate, report it.
- Lost Junior: Direct any unaccompanied or distressed child to Race Control or the Welfare Officer
- Medical Incidents: Notify Race Control for first aid. Serious incidents will be escalated to emergency services.

Additional Notes

- All junior crews will have a designated responsible adult—contact info held at Race Control.
- Personal contact details of junior competitors will not be shared.
- Volunteers are encouraged to speak up if anything seems wrong.

Summary

- Be alert. Be respectful. Be responsible.
- Know how to reach the Welfare Officer.
- When in doubt, report it – better safe than sorry.

Thank you again for your commitment. Let's work together to make this a safe and positive experience for everyone.