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Dear Bishop John,

CHILD PROTECTION

Following your recommendation at our meeting on 7 October 2004, I would like to advise you that the Executive Committee, after extensive discussion, formally adopted the Central Council of Church Bellringers Child Protection Guidelines at our October meeting.

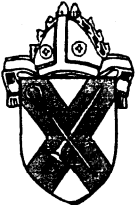
The Executive Committee members at the meeting emphasized the need for transferable declarations. Also, it was mentioned that there may be some issues with towers where either our membership is low or there may be resistance to these Guidelines, in such cases we would have to refer the matter to the Diocese. I feel sure that most towers and ringers would be only too pleased to go along with these measures.

May I request that you inform the Diocesan Synod and PCCs of this decision, so that can be properly cascaded through out the Diocese. I also look forward to receiving the necessary support and training from the Diocese, to help us implement these Guidelines.

The Association intends to appoint a Child Protection Officer, we are currently formulating a job specification and identify a suitable candidate before our next meeting in February 2005. In the mean time, because of the importance of this issue, I am the current main contact.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen J. Nash
Master



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30 November 2004


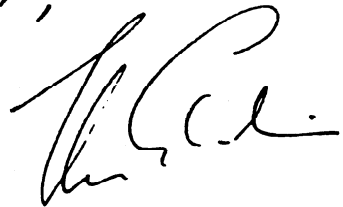
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Dear Stephen,

Thank you for your letter on behalf of the Essex Change Ringers informing me of the formal adoption by the Association of the National Change Ringers Child Protection Guidelines. This is a step forward and I am very grateful for this.

I will now copy your letter to our Child Protection Officer.

Since we are in the process of reviewing our own structures I hope you will be patient with us in responding and working with the Association on the issues.

cc: Gill Hartley



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