



**Derbyshire Cricket
Foundation
Christmas Newsletter
2021**

**Merry Christmas
from all at
the DCF**



Derbyshire Cricket Foundation Christmas Newsletter Introduction



2021 has been an exceptionally challenging year for all of us, and inevitably the Covid-19 pandemic affected recreational cricket and the work done by our team. It heavily disrupted the 2020/21 winter programme and preparations for the 2021 season. Despite these challenges, I am incredibly proud of the DCF team, our achievements, and those of the wider cricket community. Cricket clubs found creative ways of engaging with their members and raising funds, and our team helped them access over £1m of financial assistance which helped them weather the financial impact of not being able to operate for long periods during the pandemic.

We have worked hard in 2021 to ensure that cricket is a game for everyone, which can be enjoyed in a safe and welcoming environment. I was delighted to be able to increase our support to recreational clubs by appointing our County Safeguarding Officer, Angela Gregson, to the DCF team. We have increased ethnic diversity across all of our programmes, and have taken focussed action to increase the diversity of children, and those from areas of deprivation, participating in our All Stars and Dynamos programmes for young children. Thanks to the fantastic hard work of clubs across the county, the growth of women's cricket has continued, with almost 500 women participating in a record number of Women's softball festivals. We now have more qualified female coaches and volunteers than ever before.

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of our junior and senior leagues and all of our cricket clubs offering junior and senior cricket, the number of fixtures played was up on 2019. Clubs have secured over £300,000 in funding to invest in grassroots cricket. Our coach education programme trained more volunteers than ever before, despite being limited to a shortened 8 month programme, and I know these new coaches will play a key role in sustaining the game moving forward.

Many people in our communities across Derbyshire have been deeply affected during the pandemic. We are committed to supporting these communities, by providing access to activities that can improve the health, well-being, and opportunities for young people. During the summer holidays we delivered a hugely successful play scheme in partnership with Aspire Community and Wrestling Alliance. Over 700 children accessed the programme and took part in over 100 different activity sessions. Crucially, we provided over 1,200 meals to children in Derby City.

We recognise we still have lots to do in our mission to make cricket a game for everyone, and we look forward to working with all our stakeholders as we seek to grow and diversify the game further in 2022.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of our volunteers, coaches, officials, players, cricket clubs and organisations that have had such a positive impact in 2021.

From all of us here at the Derbyshire Cricket Foundation, we hope you have a great Christmas and a prosperous New Year!

Richard Wood
Head of Derbyshire Cricket Foundation



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Funding Update

ECB County Grants Fund in Derbyshire

The ECB County Grants Fund aims to support affiliated cricket clubs to create welcoming environments, provide enhanced facilities and playing opportunities, and to help clubs tackle the impact of climate change. The scheme is open to all affiliated cricket clubs, and it is expected the fund will run until at least 2025.

There are three key themes in the programme:

Creating Welcoming Environments – open to affiliated cricket clubs registered for All Stars or Dynamos in 2021, or actively involved with women's and girls' cricket and / or disability cricket. It is an expectation that any junior programme will include and actively engage with girls.

Enhanced Facilities and Playing Opportunities for Women's and Girls' Cricket and / or Disability Cricket – open to affiliated cricket clubs actively engaged in competitive female only cricket and/ or disability cricket.

Tackling Climate Change (supported by Sport England) – Open to any affiliated cricket club.

Further information on project themes and eligibility is provided in the guidance notes for cricket clubs which can be found [HERE](#)

To assist clubs in identifying where they may need to improve their facilities and to demonstrate why a project is needed ECB has produced the following resources:

- Creating Welcoming Environments Guide – available [HERE](#)
- ECB Facilities Review Checklist – available [HERE](#)
- ECB Facilities Survey – available [HERE](#)

The guide and supporting documents have been designed to help all clubs examine their existing facilities and identify areas where improvement works could make a difference to how welcome different users feel when visiting the club. A key aim of the guide is to assist in identifying projects which will remove barriers to participation in cricket and help everyone feel more welcome.

Clubs having read the guidance notes who feel they are eligible to make an application should complete the Expression of Interest Form [HERE](#)

DCF staff will look to provide feedback to clubs within 7 working days and advise on next steps.



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Funding & Save the Dates

Crowdfunder

This is a good resource for clubs looking to kickstart a project and gain extra funding on top of the fundraising aspect of Crowdfunder– sports partners and additional funding partners are offering up to £15,000 to support projects through their match funding opportunities. For more information on this click [Here](#).

Some key points:

- Match funding available through Sport England
- Dedicated Crowdfunder support to the programme
- Resources to help you, including webinars and online training
- Up to £10K of match funding available

For all the information click [Here](#)

Easyfundraising

More than 1700 clubs nationally have registered with the site to date! It is the UK's leading good-cause shopping site and gives your members and supporters a free way of generating money for your club when shopping online.

To find out more click [Here](#)

Save the Date Information for Clubs

Tuesday 25th of January – ECB National Club Webinar

ECB has committed to deliver a National Club Webinar and are inviting all clubs to attend.

The webinar is ideal for club officials, activators, coaches, and volunteers who play a vital role in ensuring clubs can make the most of the opportunities available to them in 2022. Among the topics planned are empowering, thriving and sustainable clubs for girls, national programmes, grant funding, and much more. There are no restrictions on the number of officials from each club who can join the webinar.

Further details on how to register for the event will be shared shortly.

Saturday 26th March – Derbyshire Day

In response to feedback the DCF are planning to run “Derbyshire Day” to support clubs and volunteers.

We will be teaming up with other partners to deliver a range of workshops designed to support the development of recreational cricket.

Plans for the day are being put together currently with details to be released towards the end of January.

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Safe Hands Management Update

Safe Hands Management System

Having robust safeguarding systems in place is important at all levels of cricket.

To assist clubs, in January 2021 ECB introduced the Safe Hands Management System (SHMS), with the initial rollout being to 37 Clubmark Accredited clubs. The next phase will see all clubs with a junior section added along with any others involved in ECB National Programmes. In Derbyshire this means an additional 45 clubs will be introduced to the system from the end of January 2022.

The SHMS has been designed to help clubs track compliance with safeguarding standards, assisting clubs in ensuring all individuals involved in the running of the club have valid qualifications for their roles. The single central record will bring together IT systems from across the game, sharing information on DBS and Safe Hands Qualifications initially with further qualifications to be added later.

It will also help us at the Derbyshire Cricket Foundation to identify any gaps in safeguarding requirements and ensure cricket is a safe sport that everyone can enjoy.

There are advantages for clubs too, through the platform club administrators will have easy access to all the club's information on safeguarding in one place. Once on the system, clubs will be able to manage safeguarding more effectively, as they will be able to see when DBS checks and safeguarding training needs renewing and updating.

To help ensure a smooth transition onto the SHMS the following will help:

- New clubs on the system should identify a club administrator to act as key contact (often the Club Safeguarding Officer).
- Ensuring those at your club who are in a role requiring a DBS have one in place – the DBS needs to be through cricket.
- Many clubs will have had (or be having) their Annual General Meeting – if you have anyone new in a role requiring a DBS, please get this done as soon as possible.
- Check that your Club Safeguarding Officers Safe Hands qualification is up to date.
- Communicating within the club – tell those within the club who are in a role requiring a cricket DBS that they will be added to the system.

Once clubs have access to the system, it will be the responsibility of the club administrator to confirm club details and add individuals to certain roles. The system will enable club administrators to create contacts and share invites with other members of your club for example Club Chair, Coaches or Welfare Officers. Clubs can have additional club administrators to help share the workload if needed.

We will shortly be in contact with new clubs who are scheduled to be added to the SHMS portal to request contact details for your club administrator. Support from the Derbyshire Cricket Foundation will be available through your Club & Community Cricket Officer.

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Safeguarding Courses

Training Update for Club Safeguarding Officers (CSO's)

As a reminder Club Safeguarding Officers are required to attend two sets of training:

- Safeguarding and Protecting Children (SPC) course run by UK Coaching
- An ECB 'Safe Hands' workshop which is run by Derbyshire Cricket Foundation Ltd.

Every three years, the requirements above must be updated.

In addition, all CSO's must also have a current ECB DBS which should ideally be on the DBS Update Service. It is preferable that the SPC course is attended before completing the Safe Hands workshop.

Important to note that the Safe Hands workshop will be "Face to Face" however there is an online option for the SPC course – see training options below.

To fulfil training needs and be compliant with the Safe Hands Management System a CSO must have evidence of completing both courses.

SPC Training is a UK Coaching course with the options as follows:

- New CSO's can attend an Online Classroom course or "Face to Face" workshop (please note due to Covid only a few "Face to Face" courses are currently available). The cost of the online classroom course is £30 and can be booked [HERE](#)
- Existing CSO's needing to renew Safeguarding Training have an eLearning option course Renewal: Safeguarding & Protecting Children. The cost of this course is £16.99 and is available [HERE](#)

Safe Hands is an ECB workshop run by the Derbyshire Cricket Foundation with the following scheduled in 2022:

Sunday 13th March @ Tibshelf Community School

9.15am-12.15pm

Booking Link [HERE](#)

Tuesday 15th March @ Quarndon Cricket Club

6.15-9.15pm

Booking Link [HERE](#)

Sunday 27th March @ Chapel en le Frith CC

1.30-4.30pm

Booking Link [HERE](#)

CSO's needing to attend training are recommended to book on courses as soon as possible.

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DCF Development League & Good News Stories

DCF Development League

The step up from junior cricket to senior cricket can be a daunting one for a young player, involving longer games, players of all ages, a reduced role within the team and often longer travel times.

Due to feedback from clubs about the continued problem of transitioning junior players into senior cricket we decided to offer our support and in 2021 we introduced the DCF Development League.

We kept the rules as simple as possible but crucially allowed clubs flexibility to rearrange fixtures, change start times and the number of overs played to cater for the players. We also encouraged team managers/captains to speak to the opposition before games to discuss the upcoming fixture. We aimed to create an environment that would allow junior players to play longer format games without the pressures that can be associated with Saturday league cricket.

We had 14 teams involved who we split into 3 divisions based on geography to limit travel time with teams playing both home and away. We also worked with the ACO to provide an umpire at each game to distinguish it from a club friendly game.

The overall feedback has been very positive, and we have 20 teams signed up to be involved in the 2022 season.

If you want more information, then please contact Tom.coxhead@dcfcricket.com

Good News Stories

Over the past year, we have been shining a light on clubs and individuals across Derbyshire. You can check out some of our good news stories over on our website [Here](#)

This is something we are very keen to continue going forward into the New Year. So if there are any good news stories from your clubs, or individuals that are making a difference, please contact Lauren Tuffrey at lauren.tuffrey@dcfcricket.com

We recently partnered with Colleague Box to provide a range of gift hampers to volunteers across Derbyshire to celebrate their hardwork and commitment to grassroots cricket across the county! Lauren was joined by DCCC legend, Wayne Madsen, to deliver some of the boxes in person.

This is an initiative that we are continuing into 2022, so keep an eye on our socials for how you can nominate those individuals doing great things at your clubs or in the community.



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Schools Cricket & Club Support

Chance to Shine and Schools

It has been another extraordinary year for our delivery of the Chance to Shine programme and other school activity. With the schools being closed for half the academic year, we had to adapt our plans to ensure we delivered what we set out to. We also created new risk assessments and operational plans to ensure that everyone involved in the school sessions were safe. Through our adaptability and planning, we still managed to engage 12,000 children in primary schools throughout the County. These participants were made up of KS1 and KS2 students and schools were targeted to support clubs National Programmes.

Unfortunately, due to Covid, we were unable to run our successful KS1/2 Festivals last year, however, this year we are planning for these to return so we can engage more children in cricket activity. This year, for the first time, we also managed to run a new Girls Secondary Cricket Programme.

This Chance to Shine programme has been designed to create opportunities for teenage girls to play cricket and to support them to develop leadership skills through the sport. We delivered afterschool clubs, taster sessions and leadership training to 3 schools in Derbyshire, we are looking to increase this to 4 in 2022.



Community Coach, Jack Richardson, also shared what his year has been like as part of the Chance to Shine Schools Programme:

“Our Chance to Shine programmes this year have been very successful. We have delivered the programme across the county to a range of schools. This year we have delivered Whole School Programmes and Engagement Days. Children have really enjoyed the sessions and teachers have noted the improvement in the children’s skills.

We have also been working to help upskill the teachers at the schools we visit so once the coaches finish the programme at the school, the teachers are able to continue to promote cricket. We are always looking for new schools to join the programme as we want to try a deliver cricket across the county to as many children as possible.”

If you are a teacher or would like more information about Chance to Shine, visit their website [HERE](#) or contact james.colton@dcfcricket.com

School Competitions

In 2022, primary school Kwik Cricket is changing. It will now become Countdown Cricket to mirror what children will play in Dynamos Cricket and watch on tv with The Hundred.

We will also be running a pilot Countdown Cricket Competition for Year 7 students as well as our usual National Competitions.

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Holiday Programmes & Club Support

Holiday Programme

Thankfully this year we were able to bring back our holiday programme running 12 courses throughout the County during the summer. These included a mixture of hardball and softball courses as well as 2 girls only. We also managed to acquire funding to pay for 60 free places for children from deprived backgrounds, giving opportunities for children who wouldn't usually be able to access the courses.

Community Coach, Joe Wilson, told us a little about his year of delivering on our holiday programmes and 1-1 coaching sessions:

“This year we managed to run five weeks worth of summer camps, during that time we ran two camps per week. The numbers at these camps were good, which meant plenty of children were learning different cricket skills whilst having fun. Furthermore we ran junior and mini falcons courses on a Wednesday and Friday night which 90 children attended. We received some great feedback from parents and children!

Finally, our 1-1 programme has been running on Saturday mornings and has been well attended with all the coaches busy working with a range of players to help them improve skills no matter their ability.”

We will look to continue our Holiday Programme offer this year running a variety of courses to try to cater for all children. If you would like any further information about our Holiday Programme, contact james.colton@dcfcricket.com



Club Support Packages

Our Club Development Programme is available for clubs again this year, with Winter, Summer, Coach CPD workshops and schools coaching available. If you would like more information, please contact james.colton@dcfcricket.com

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Disability Cricket

Table Cricket

Disability cricket has continued to grow within Derbyshire and we hope that this continues to grow while we work closely with the Lord Taverners.

Due to Covid we sadly had to cancel all of our 2021 cricket competitions, but we were able to start going into SEND schools from October. Even with the pandemic still affecting how everything runs, we still managed to deliver cricket sessions within 10 schools.



We currently have two table cricket competitions booked for the new year at the Derbyshire County Cricket Club; Monday 24th January and Wednesday 26th January 2022. We are looking to host another in the Chesterfield area around February/March time.

Super 1s

Super1s has now come to Derbyshire, in partnership with the Lord Taverners! This amazing programme provides an opportunity for 12–25-year-olds with disabilities to play regular and competitive cricket. This is also a place to learn and develop new life skills as well as making new friends.

We have two community hubs ready to go in the new year, the first one is at Alfreton Leisure Centre on a Friday night starting on the 28th January 2022.

- 4pm – 5pm is for 12–17-year-olds
- 5-6pm is for 18 – 25 year olds.

Our Second hub is going to be at Shirebrook Academy in the Bolsover District on a Thursday afternoon starting on Thursday 3rd March 2022.

- 3:30pm – 4:30pm is for 12-17 year olds
- 4:30pm – 5:30pm is for 18-25 year olds

We are looking to set up another hub in Derby within the next year.

Derbyshire Disabled CC

The Derbyshire disabled teams are all really looking forward to the 2022 season! Their winter training will be starting at Derbyshire County Cricket Club on some Tuesday Evenings, starting on Tuesday 18th January. The DCF will be working closely with the club to support them as much as possible.

They will be playing in the D40 National competition, while also having Super 9s Incrediball teams playing in the ECB Competitions too. They would love to see any new players that would like to get involved, as well as any coaches who would be interested in coaching Disability Cricket.

If you would be interested in any of the above, please contact Jess Bakewell at Jess.bakewell@dcfcricket.com

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Women & Girls Cricket

Women's Softball Festivals

In 2021 Derbyshire Cricket Foundation ran 17 Women's Softball Festivals, a record amount which attracted a record number of Women and Girls into the game! For those that don't know, the below will tell you what our festivals are all about!

To enter a festival, all you need to do is find seven other women, form a team and register! It's that simple! All abilities are welcome, and the equipment will be provided. Team registrations are completely free of charge. These festivals are ideal for clubs who have new players who want to experience cricket in a fun, safe and social environment!

The game is played with a softer ball (hard foam centre), so it means no pads, helmets etc are required! The rules are very simple and designed to get every team member involved! In your team of eight, each pair bat for two overs (12 balls) and if you are given out, your team simply loses five runs, but remain in! Ideally each player in your team will bowl; overarm, or underarm!

Below is a summary of where all our festivals took place in 2021!

23rd of May	New Mills CC
23rd of May	Belper Amateurs CC
6th of June	Charlesworth and Chisworth CC
6th of June	Darley Dale CC
6th of June	Swarkestone CC
27th of June	Riddings CC
27th of June	Long Eaton CC
11th of July	Hayfield CC
11th of July	Marehay CC
25th of July	Holmesfield CC
8th of August	Hilton CC
8th of August	Wirksworth and Middleton CC
22nd of August	Sandiacre Town CC
22nd of August	Clowne Town CC
12th of September	Matlock and Cromford CC
12th of September	Brailsford and Ednaston CC
12th of September	Buxton CC



2021 in Summary

- Women's Softball participation up by 64% from 2019!
- 491 players involved in festivals!
- 36 teams!
- 17 festivals!
- 8 different days of cricket!

Thanks to all those teams/ clubs and players involved in 2021! Well done for taking part and giving cricket a go! We can't wait to see you again in 2022!

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Women & Girls Cricket

Women's Indoor League

DCF have ran two Women's Softball Indoor Leagues in 2021 for 12 different clubs/teams!

These ran out of Willows Sports centre again, who have not only run an outstanding indoor cricket facility but have also been fantastic hosts for DCF and the women's teams involved. It's been a difficult 18 months for the centre, but DCF are very glad to be using them again!

The leagues have both had 6 teams who played each other twice, meaning 10 matches per team. Each league took place over 5 weeks on Sunday afternoons. The format is similar to traditional indoor cricket but with less overs in order to get more games in a shorter period of time.

8 teams (4 in each league) were new teams to be involved in indoor cricket. This is great for our indoor offer going forward and ensures more teams are involved in Women's Cricket over the winter months.

The first of these leagues had teams from Eckington, Long Eaton, Belper Meadows, Matlock, Ashbourne, and Chellaston. Long Eaton won this league winning 9 out of their 10 games! Close runners up were Belper Meadows, who lost their final game against the eventual winners in an exciting last game of the competition. Belper finished with a very good, 8 wins out of 10.



The 2nd of these leagues featured teams from Clowne Town, Ilkeston Rutland, Clifton, Sandiacre, Darley Abbey, and Hilton. Ilkeston Rutland finished winners of the league winning 9 out of their 10 games! Runners up on run difference were Sandiacre, winning 6 out of their 10 games.

Congratulations to Long Eaton CC and Ilkeston Rutland CC on their wins! As well as all of the teams involved! We hope you all enjoyed it!

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Women & Girls Cricket

Girls Cricket

Girls U9's

Girls U9 softball cricket will be ran by all junior leagues in 2022, and will be the same format as all other U9 cricket played in Derbyshire. The 6-a-side pairs format will be the first step on the Girls Playing Pathway at club level.

To enter a girls U9's team, get in touch with your local junior league!

Girls U12's

The Derbyshire Cricket Foundation will be running a girls U12's league in 2022. This format ran in 2021 with some success, we had 10 teams enter from across the county who played 4/5 games across the summer. Recently we have spoken to a number of clubs and conducted a review of Girls club cricket and decided now is the time to introduce a county wide playing offer for girls. The offer will begin as the next league offer after Girls U9 Kwik Cricket that is currently offered by most junior leagues.

What does the competition look like?

- U12 age group and below (Year 5/6/7)
- 5 match days on Sundays across the summer
- 2/3 games on a day
- DCF to organise Fixtures/ Results on Play Cricket
- 16 over matches
- 8-a-side pairs format
- Incredi-ball
- Flexibility around fixtures and player registration
- Clubs required to have a key adult contact for match days.



Clubs are free to team up with one other local club if they wish, in order to get a full team out. We can help facilitate this process if needs be. Please let us know. They must register the team under one of the two club names.

We will look to create the fixtures so there are 3 or 4 teams at a venue on a given day to play 2 games each. Fixtures dates and expression of interest will be sent out in the new year!

If you have any questions, please contact charlie.storr@dcfcricket.com



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Women & Girls Performance Pathway

With no winter training due to another lockdown, but a record number of girls, we eventually started outdoor training in April. The good thing was that cricket actually started on time, as planned, but alas still no teas! Below is a brief resume of our season:

Senior Women

The Women's County Championship is now limited to four T20 days of cricket and unfortunately, we lost a day and a half to the weather. We did play 5 games though, winning 2 and losing 3. Bethan Ellis was the leading run scorer with 140 at an average of 70 and Suzie Ljubojevic finished as leading wicket-taker with 5.

U18 Girls

The U18 Girls played 11 games, winning 5, losing 5 with 1 being tied. Lara Shaw was the leading run scorer with 222 and Jess Thatcher leading wicket taker with 13.



U15 Girls

Our U15's won 7 and lost 5 of their 12 games. The leading run scorers in 2021 were Harriet Parkin (378 runs) and Jess Smithurst (320 runs) with Zaara Farhan finishing leading wicket taker with 21 wickets.

U13 Girls

On top of some Intra County games our U13's played 10 fixtures against other Counties, winning 4 and losing 6. Maria Andrews led the batting with 138 runs, 2 bowlers finished with 5 wickets each, Holly Reeves and Sophia McCollum.



U11 Girls

The U11's also played a number of Intra County games and also 7 games against other Counties, winning 2 and losing 5. The leading run scorer was Holly Mayfield with 108 runs and the leading bowler was Phoebe Blurton with 8 wickets.

A huge thanks to Belper Amateurs, Belper Meadows, Brailsford and Ednaston, Charlesworth and Chisworth, Clifton, Cutthorpe, Denby, Duffield, Hilton, Ilkeston Rutland, Lullington, Marehay, Matlock, Melbourne, Mickleover, Nutbrook, Ockbrook and Borrowash, Rolleston, Sandiacre Town, Spondon, and Ticknall who all came forward to host training and/or fixtures.

In November, Harriett Parkin was selected for Lightning Academy and Zaara Farhan, Lara Shaw, and Jess Smithurst were selected for Lightning EPP, congratulations to all of them on their achievement.

Our plans are now in place for 2022 and winter training has already started in the Indoor Performance Centre at the Incora County Ground with again a record number of 154 girls involved!

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All Stars & Dynamos Cricket

All Stars Cricket

With the disruptions regarding covid we didn't really know what to expect in 2021. It turned out to be another excellent year for All Stars Cricket with 62 Derbyshire Centres and 1816 children aged 5-8 introduced to the game of Cricket.

We once again had a high number of girls involved in our programmes with 478 female participants (26%) and we now have 33 trained female Activators to lead sessions and be female role models.

Another success from 2021 were the 5 inner city programmes that we ran for children from a deprived background in Bolsover and Derby City. In total we had 196 children access All Stars Cricket for free thanks to Funds4Runs and Sky funding.

A huge thank you to all the volunteers who managed to get the programmes running despite all the extra covid guidance in place, Cricket would be a worse place without you!



Dynamos Cricket

2021 saw the launch of the ECB's brand new initiative, Dynamos Cricket. Dynamos Cricket offers children aged 8-11 a programme that has been designed to complement existing junior club cricket with 8 weeks of skills and games of countdown cricket with links to The Hundred.

We had 37 Derbyshire centres run in 2021 with 757 children taking part which was a great effort under the circumstances in its first year of running. We again had a high number of girls involved with 29% of participants being female. A big bonus of Dynamos Cricket is the option to run a girls only programme which could be very beneficial in developing a women and girls section at a cricket club.



We hope that next year allows us to expand on our offers to involve more children across the County and we hope to reintroduce all the money can't buy experiences that are a big part of these programmes

If you have any questions or your club is interested in getting involved in either All Stars Cricket or Dynamos Cricket, then please contact Tom Coxhead tom.coxhead@dcfcricket.com

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Community Projects & Events

2021 has been an interesting year for the Derbyshire Cricket Foundation and in particular the work we have done within the community. Coming back after lockdown and restrictive measures left us wondering how to get back on track. However, one thing remained clear, bringing people together in a safe way and getting back out into the community was paramount.

Winter Wellness Workshops: January 2021- June 2021

The Winter Wellness was a collaborative piece working with the Move More Derby ambassador network. We ran monthly virtual meetings based on a variety of hot topics that delivered useful and knowledgeable information to keep people healthy and active over the winter period. The overall aim of the project was to improve mental and physical wellbeing by connecting with other people during COVID restrictions paying particular attention to those who perhaps were feeling isolated and lonely.

We covered a wide range of different subjects from Sleep, Wellbeing, Active Travel, Walking and Women's Health. Working with such fantastic and inspiring partners such as FiiT for Life, Bridge the Gap, Sustrans, Beat the Street, GoodGym, Livewell, Walx Derwent and Dales, Derby Active and Derby City Sport Forum.

T20 Walkathon: July 2021

The Walkathon fundraiser was back for 2021 with a different route. Usually, the 20-mile walk would take us from Trent Bridge to Derbyshire's Incora County Ground through the Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Countryside. This year we decided to explore Derbyshire by taking a circular route around the local cricket grounds, setting off from Derbyshire's ground heading out to Breadsall, Spondon, Ockbrook, Alvaston and finishing (hopefully) in time to settle into the Derbyshire vs Worcestershire T20 match with a well-earned drink or two. We also introduced a much smaller walk designed to be more accessible for those who enjoy a leisurely walk with friends and family.

We had fantastic support yet again from Derbyshire's business community. Air IT took pride of place as headline sponsor supporting the event. James Healey (Managing Director) expressed his eagerness to get back out in the community and get involved with charity events such as the Walkathon. We also had support from RDS Global, Total Precision and WB Power Services who all contributing to another successful event and raising money towards our community projects. Special thanks goes out to Sporting Communities, RDS Global and Incora for putting out a tremendous amount of walkers.

We saw over 78 walkers take part as well as 9 business teams who entered raising over £3,000.00 to help support community projects like the DCFA Holiday Activity Club. It was a fantastic opportunity to bring people together and reconnect whilst enjoying some lovely summer sunshine.



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DCFA Summer Holiday Activity Club July 2021- August 2021

This year the DCF partnered up with Aspire Wrestling Alliance to deliver a four week food and activity provision for children living in Derwent, Oakwood, Spondon and Chaddesden.

The club took place over two sites, one at Derwent Primary School and the other at Aspire's Community Centre where children could submerge themselves into the world of WWE style wrestling. The holiday club was specifically aimed at children between the ages of 5-11 who were in receipt of free school meals.

With funding from the DFE food and activity fund, The Woodward Trust, the ASDA Foundation and the DCF we were able to offer 60 places per day with lunch and breakfast. At the end of the four weeks, we celebrated in style by having a trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park, however I think someone forgot to tell the animals that we were coming!

The Holiday Club was jam packed with activities from start to finish cramming in football, basketball, a climbing wall, the circus, Cycle Derby, a steel band, animals and even a special visit from children's entertainer Geoffrey Jumper.

What was special about this project was being able to work with so many inspiring, caring and talented people from the community as well as forging great connections with the children themselves.

We are delighted to announce that as part of the funding we received, there was a commitment from us to run another holiday club during the Christmas holidays. Therefore, we will be back from 4th January to 7th January 2022 at Breadsall Hilltop Primary School, delivering more activities and creating more life long memories.



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Diwali Celebrations: Saturday 30th October

The celebrations were held in the Greene King IPA Marquee, with the popular showpiece event being completely sold out, featuring bhangra music, Bollywood dancers, fireworks, and a traditional Indian meal. The Cricket Derbyshire India Club have been successfully running the Diwali celebrations for the past 8 years, bringing together individuals and businesses from across Derby and the wider community for a night of celebration.

We'd like to thank our amazing event sponsors; Greenbank, Bowmer and Kirkland, TMS Management, Bal Construction, NK Motors, Invictus Communications, Central England Co-Operative, Specsavers, Unison, HSKSG, and Slice of India; for their support this year and helping raise money for the Derbyshire Cricket Foundation.

This years event saw 280+ people attend the celebrations ,raising over £12,000 for the DCF! This was a record breaking amount raised and we are extremely grateful to everyone who attended, sponsored, and helped us put the event on.

Next years event is sure to be another amazing evening!



Events for 2022

We are currently in the process of finalising our events calendar for 2022! Below is a list of up and coming events for you to keep an eye out for:

- An Evening with ...
- T20 Walkathon
- Golf Day
- Diwali Celebrations



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Coach Education Courses and Dates

Coaching courses have had a positive impact on the cricket community this year! 2021 saw a record number of coaches trained with 91 support coaches and 59 Foundation I coaches trained across Derbyshire.

In the new year, we are launching the brand new ECB Core Coach courses. The ECB Core Coach will replace the ECB Certificate in Coaching Children's Cricket and ECB Certificate in Coaching Young People and Adults' Cricket provision.

To find out more information about the ECB Core Coach courses, click [HERE](#). To find out which coaching course would be best for you click [HERE](#).

Please see below our up and coming ECB Core Coach and Support Coach courses for the new year. We will continue to update our website and social media to share any new courses that become available.

Core Coach Courses

Venue: Aldercar High School
Dates: 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th February
Booking Link Click [HERE](#)



Support Coach Courses

Venue: Tibshelf School
Date: 6th March
Booking Link Click [HERE](#)

Venue: Chapel Leisure Centre
Date: 27th March
Booking Link Click [HERE](#)

Venue: Tibshelf School
Date: 13th March
Booking Link Click [HERE](#)

Venue: DCCC (Female Only Course)
Date: 2nd April
Booking Link Click [HERE](#)

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Scorers Courses

There is a Club Scorers course starting in February 2022. This course is for anyone wanting scoring on a regular basis.

Venue: Quarndon CC

Date: 13th & 20th February, 6th March

Booking Link Click [HERE](#)

If you would like more details please get in touch with Jane Hough at janeinockbrook@gmail.com

Umpires Courses

There is a FREE online Umpires Stage 1 Course available to everyone. If you are interested in taking part, please click [HERE](#).

A Stage 2 course will be taking place on the 12th & 19th March 2022, at Derbyshire CCC. If you are interested, please click [HERE](#).

Any questions, please contact Adam Hitchcock on 07849056893

You can support the ACO by following their social media pages:

Twitter: @derbyshireACO

Facebook: Derbyshire ECB ACO

Ground Maintenance

The Derbyshire ground maintenance team are happy to provide support and guidance to cricket clubs relating to ground maintenance matters. To get in contact with them please email: dga@dcfcricket.com

For more information and to keep up to date with the latest news and videos, please visit our website [Here](#) or our youtube page [Here](#)



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Make sure you keep up to date with what we are doing and any updates on courses by following us on social media!

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