



**Derbyshire Cricket
Foundation
Christmas Newsletter
2022**

**Merry Christmas
from all at
the DCF**



Derbyshire Cricket Foundation Christmas Newsletter Introduction



As we approach the end of 2022, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of the fantastic volunteers, coaches, officials, players, cricket clubs and organisations that have contributed to another successful year of cricket in Derbyshire.

Cricket really has bounced back in 2022 after the impact of two years of Covid-19. Cricket clubs and leagues have worked incredibly hard to grow the game with over 3,000 open age games played and over 1,300 junior games played. Junior fixtures were up 25% compared to 2021 and open age fixtures up 13%.

We have worked hard this year to ensure that cricket can be enjoyed in a safe and welcoming environment. We have trained over 120 club Safeguarding Officers over the last 12 months which is by far the highest number of officers trained in a single year. This really highlights cricket clubs commitment to creating safe environments for their members.

We are committed to making cricket a game for everyone and we have made good progress during 2022. We have seen almost 2,400 children introduced to the game through All Stars and Dynamos, with near to 30% of those participants being girls. 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.

Cricket clubs are continuing to invest in their coaching workforce as well as the DCF through our Coach Bursary Fund. We have issued over £5,000 of coach bursaries in 2022 to support the development of coaches. We've had a record year for the number of coaches we have trained with over 160 coaches completing one of the 19 coaching courses we have delivered, 32% of those coaches were female and 15% ethnically diverse. We have seen significant growth again this year in the Women's game. Thanks to the amazing efforts of our cricket clubs, we now over 45 clubs with a women's section and 57 teams. That's a 25% growth on 2021 which represents nearly half of the clubs in the county. 33 teams made the progression from our women's softball festivals to play regular cricket in the East Midlands Women's Cricket League,

We launched the County Grants programme to support clubs to develop their facilities with the aim of creating welcoming and inclusive spaces. We have invested over £180,000 and supported 27 clubs in year 1 with some fantastic projects. We will continue to invest in clubs over the next 12 months to enhance their facilities.

The DCF team have been committed to connecting communities and improving lives through the work we do and we have had some significant impact in 2022. We delivered another high quality Summer Play Scheme through the Government Holiday Activities and Food programme (HAF), in partnership with Aspire Community and Wrestling Alliance. We provided 16 days of activity and provided over 600 meals to 90+ children as well as providing lots of positive experiences for the children.

We established our walking cricket programme at Willows Sports Centre and Alfreton Leisure centre, which has provided opportunity for participants aged 60+ to take part in cricket in a fun and friendly environment. We hope to expand this programme in 2023!



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Our Disability Cricket programme has grown from strength to strength this year, with the establishment of our first Super 1's Hub which regularly sees 8 young people attending. We now have 6 cricket clubs in Derbyshire providing accessible and inclusive cricket as 'Disability Champion Clubs'.

We launched our 'Access to Cricket' grant to with the aim of removing cost as a barrier to participation for those who most need it. We issued 26 grants totalling £4,200 and we will continue to provide financial support through the scheme in 2023. For more information please click [HERE](#).

The DCF team have worked incredibly hard throughout the year to support the network of cricket in Derbyshire. 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 2023.

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

Richard Wood
Managing Director of the Derbyshire Cricket Foundation



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Funding Updates

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. Its open to all affiliated clubs with a minimum application of £1,000 and a maximum of £10,000.

There are three key themes in the programme:

Creating Welcoming Environments – open to affiliated cricket clubs registered for All Stars or Dynamos in 2022, 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. Key areas covered under this theme are Social Space/ Toilet Facilities/ Catering/ Arrival & Access/ Digitising.

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 or disability cricket. Key areas covered under this theme are Non-Turf Match Pitch (must be an ECB Approved System)/ Non-Turf Practice Facility (must be an ECB Approved System)/ Enhanced Changing Facilities.

Tackling Climate Change (supported by Sport England) – Open to all affiliated cricket clubs. Key areas covered under this theme are Flood Resilience / Targeted drainage/ Drought Resilience / Energy Saving/ Water Management.

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

During 2022, the DCF has distributed more than £180K to 27 clubs under the programme which has been a huge boost to recreational cricket. The programme has now paused and we are unable to accept further applications at this time. It is anticipated that the scheme will reopen during February, clubs looking to make an application in 2023 can complete an Expression of Interest by completing the form [HERE](#).

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

Crowdfunder

Crowdfunder provides great support for clubs which includes:

- The platform to set up your campaign
- Free 1-2-1 coaching by experts
- Advice and guidance on campaign improvements
- Access to free online courses
- Free 30-minute webinars, monthly

For all the information click [Here](#)



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Funding Updates

ECB Interest Free Loan

The England and Wales Cricket Trust (EWCT) Interest Free Loan Scheme provides finance to clubs for capital projects to help them build and ensure a sustainable future. The fund is open to all affiliated clubs and covers a wide range of projects, under the following themes:

- Buildings
- Equipment
- Fine Turf Projects
- Land Purchase
- Non-Turf

Clubs with a junior section can apply for between £1,000 and £50,000 while clubs without a junior section can apply for between £1,000 and £20,000.

Under each theme there are a range of eligible projects, all the information is available [HERE](#)

Sport England

They have a range of funds available and it is worthwhile visiting the website [HERE](#) They provide information on funding programmes as well as suggestions on other ways to generate funding, clubs can sign up for their newsletter too. One fund where Derbyshire clubs have been successful is the “Active Together” fund linked into Crowdfunder.

Active Together is a £7.5 million fund, with up to £10,000 in match funding, as part of a support package to help clubs and organisations set up and run crowdfunding campaigns related to the ongoing impact of Covid-19, as well as the emerging energy, cost of living or other local crises – such as adverse weather.

Derbyshire County Council

- Derbyshire Grants - a grant funding opportunity available to not-for-profit organisations, the funding allocation for 2022 and 2023 is total £1.5 million. Grants are available in 4 scaled categories from £1K to £50K+, for more information visit the website [HERE](#)
- Community Leadership Scheme – operate a scheme to provide small grants to community, voluntary, youth and other local organisations. Its aim is to support worthwhile projects and initiatives that will benefit local communities, for more information visit the website [HERE](#)

Easyfundraising

Many clubs are already linked into this and we have some that are raising £1000 plus a year. For clubs not signed up yet it's a great way to get your members, supporters, friends, and family to help you raise money by simply shopping online through Easyfundraising. The site works like a cashback website, with the cashback being accrued for the cause / project of your choice. All the information needed to register can be found [HERE](#)

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Safeguarding Update & Courses

Training Update for Club Safeguarding Officers (CSO's)

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

- 'Safe Hands' workshop which is run by Derbyshire Cricket Foundation Ltd (DCF).
- Safeguarding Young Cricketer's (SYC) course (link provided by DCF) OR Safeguarding and Protecting Children (SPC) course run by UK Coaching.

Every three years, the requirements above must be updated.

All CSO's must also have a current ECB DBS and should ideally be on the DBS Update Service.

If you are a new CSO then to be fully trained before next season both courses and the ECB DBS must be completed.

It is preferable to do the SYC or SPC before the Safe Hands course. If you wish to do the free SYC please contact me or your Club & Community Cricket Officer for the link to be sent to you.

We have arranged a further 3 Safe Hands courses in March 2023. These may be the only courses in Derbyshire before next season so if you need to do a course it would be advisable to book on one. You can do a course in a neighbouring county if that is more accessible.

The courses are listed below with the booking link and there is a charge of £10 per person. There is a limit on the numbers we can have at each venue.

Tuesday 7th March @ Quarndon CC

6.15pm-9.15pm

Booking Link [HERE](#)

Wednesday 22nd March @ Hayfield CC

6.15-9.15pm

Booking Link [HERE](#)

Wednesday 29th March @ Pilsley CC

1.30-4.30pm

Booking Link [HERE](#)

Further information about the role of a CSO is available on the ECB website: [ECB Guidance on Appointing and Training a Club Safeguarding Officer](#)

Any questions please contact Angela Gregson, safeguarding@dcfcricket.com

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DCF Development League & Junior Club Competitions

DCF Development League

Our Development League ran for its 2nd year with the primary aim of providing more opportunities for juniors to play senior cricket against other likeminded teams. It was also used successfully to introduce women's softball players to hardball cricket and bring lapsed players back to the game.

We had 19 teams involved in 2022 and these were split into 4 regional groups. Flexibility was an important part of the league with clubs encouraged to talk between themselves before fixtures to discuss rule flexibility and match team strength. All the admin was undertaken by the DCF with fixtures and results on play cricket. We also worked closely with the ACO to provide an umpire at all games.

The league will run again in 2023 and we have 23 teams who are interested in participating. If you require more information about the league, please contact Tom.coxhead@dcfcricket.com

U13's and U15's National Cup Review

We had another successful year running the county stage of the Vitality Under 13 & Under 15 Club T20. This is a national knockout cup ran by the ECB to find the best club side at U13's and U15's in the Country. We had 19 entries to both competitions in 2022 with fixtures being played during May and June with the winner going on to represent Derbyshire in the rest of the competition. Unfortunately, both our winners came up against strong opposition in the next round and were knocked out.

Congratulations to both our winning teams!

U13's Winner – Sandiacre Town CC

U15's Winner- Swarkestone CC

The competition will be back for 2023 with information sent out in February. If you have any questions then please contact Tom.coxhead@dcfcricket.com



U19s Cup Review

This years Under 19 cup was entered by 8 teams from across Derbyshire, split into a north and south group. The competition won by Chesterfield CC. Making it through a tough group stage, they went on to beat Mickleover CC in the Semi Final and Spondon CC in the Final.

As the winning team of the competition, Chesterfield went on to represent Derbyshire in the Regional Finals. They beat Nottinghamshire's Papplewick & Linby in the Semi Final to progress after a destructive 70 by Saad Sarwary. Unfortunately, they came up short in the Final against a very strong Rothley Park. Congratulations to Chesterfield CC who played some brilliant cricket throughout the competition.

The U19s competition will take place again in 2023. If you are interested in taking part, please contact pete.boot@dcfcricket.com

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Schools Cricket & Competitions

Chance to Shine and Schools

We have had another fantastic year of delivering our Chance to Shine programme in primary and secondary schools. Overall, we engaged with over 140 schools through our 6-week, taster day and festival activity giving 16,000 children the opportunity to participate in cricket. We have also been able to upskill teachers to deliver cricket themselves using the free Chance to Shine teacher resources, created by Youth Sport Trust.

New Community Coach, Lara Shaw shared her thoughts on delivering in schools this year:

“It has been a great year delivering in Primary Schools, you can really see the impact and development of children when delivering a 6-week programme. Working with the teachers has also been a fantastic experience, I really enjoyed building relationships and giving opportunities for staff to get involved. My highlight was winning a competition with staff at Landau Forte Academy school over the Pakistan Vs England T20 series and being presented with a trophy.”

In July, we deliver a teacher CPD day at the Incora County Ground for Primary School teachers. We were delighted to have tutors from Youth Sport Trust supporting the event and the feedback we received was fantastic. This is something we will run again in 2023 as we look at ways to get more cricket delivered in schools.

We continue to have really strong relationships with all our School Sports Partnerships and we would like to thank them for all of their support over this year, without them we wouldn't be able to engage with so many children.

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



School Competitions

This year we ran 4 indoor competitions and 5 outdoor competitions for different age groups, providing opportunities for both boys and girls. We had a record number of entries across our competitions, especially in the outdoor competitions where we had 37 schools enter over all 5 of the competitions.

We have already started our competitions for 2023 and we have already had record numbers enter for the indoor competitions and fixtures have been played in the term leading up to Christmas. We have county finals booked for March at the Incora County ground.

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Holiday Programmes & Club Support

Holiday Programme

2022 was a positive year for our Holiday Programmes and we look to expand it even further in 2023. Over 400 children joined us during the summer holidays at 18 venues. We delivered 3 girls only courses throughout the County as well as expanding our Inner City of Derby delivery. We acquired funding to support participants that are in the most deprived areas of the county as we look to make cricket #AGameForEveryone.

Our Winter Falcons programme ran again this year and proved to be as popular as ever. We ran 2 Junior Falcon's sessions on a Wednesday and Friday and a Mini Falcon's session on a Friday. Nearly every session we ran was sold out which shows that the sessions have been enjoyable. The programme ran over 6 weeks. Throughout the programme the participants would take part in fun drills looking to improve all aspects of their game and then they would try to put these into practise in a game. During some of the sessions the participants would get chance to bat against the bowling machines to test out their skills against different types of bowling.

In 2023 we will be running a range of different programmes aimed at all different types of abilities. There will be some new programmes launched in 2023 so please keep a look out. If you are interested in taking part in any of our programmes, please contact jack.richardson@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.

Since October we have been into 15 schools to provide SEND cricket and have more schools booked in after Christmas. The offer is for Table cricket as well as softball skills. We currently have two table cricket competitions booked for the new year at the Derbyshire County Cricket Club on the 9th and 16th February. We are looking to host another in the Chesterfield area in March.



Super 1's

Super 1's 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 a Super 1's hub at Alfreton Leisure Centre on a Friday evening, 4pm – 5pm and it is for 12–25 year-olds. It is a great place for players to build on their cricket skills but also to develop their personal skills. We are looking to set up another hub in Derby and South Derbyshire in the new year.



ECB Champion Clubs

The Disability Champion Club is designed to help clubs provide the space and time for members of their community with different needs to enjoy the game within a safe and welcoming environment. We currently have 6 Champion Clubs within Derbyshire and are hoping to increase this over the next year. You can hear from Mike and Duncan at Swanwick Hall CC about their Champion Club experiences this past year [HERE](#)

Derbyshire Disabled CC

The Derbyshire disabled teams are all really looking forward to the 2023 season! Their winter training will be starting at Derbyshire County Cricket Club on some Tuesday Evenings, starting in 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, whilst also having Super 9's 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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Chance to Shine Street Cricket

2022 has been a fantastic year for our Street projects! We have seen our current street hubs grow and are introducing new hubs in early 2023.

The Street hub at the Sherwin Club has had up to 32 unique participants over the past year where they have all grown and thrived as players. Learning how the game of cricket is played in another format, the different skills required and helping to coach each other. Life skills such as social interaction and interacting with other cultures have been other aspects that the participants are all taking away from the sessions.

There was a trip to Lords Cricket Ground for the Chance to Shine Street Cricket Competition where the participants from Sherwin were chosen to represent Derbyshire. A fantastic opportunity for them to play against other Street Cricket participants from across the country and the day was topped off by a tour of the ground.

Dale Primary Street Hub run by Gurbinder and Charlie also continues to grow with over 30 children participating. This hub provides another opportunity but for a younger age group, 8-11 years old, to experience our much-loved game of cricket.

We have just started our Girls only Street Hub for players aged 8-15. This session is female coach led and is also at the Sherwin Club.

In the new year we are hopeful of having more Hubs set up across our county. In particular Shirebrook and in Alvaston. There is also a Hub starting at St Martins School on Tuesday 24th January.

If interested in taking part then please get in contact with Pete at pete.boot@dcfcricquet.com

Timetable of Street Hubs

Youth & Young Adults @ The Sherwin Club Mondays 5-7pm FREE

Girls Only @ The Sherwin Club Mondays 7-8pm FREE

Youth @ Dale Primary School Fridays 3.30-4.30pm FREE

Alvaston @ St Martins School Tuesdays 6.00-7.30pm FREE

Shirebrook TBC



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Women & Girls Cricket

Women's Softball Festivals

In 2022 Derbyshire Cricket Foundation ran 22 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!

This year, all of our festivals were sponsored by Chevin Homes. Their support this year has meant that we could provide more opportunities for women and girls across Derbyshire to get involved in cricket.

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!

Clubs that ran a Womens Softball Festival in 2022 include:

Belper Meadows CC, Aston Village CC, Matlock and Cromford CC, Ashbourne CC, Sandiacre CC, Darley Dale CC, Long Eaton CC, Swanwick Hall CC, Brailsford and Ednaston CC, Alvaston and Boulton CC, South Wingfield CC, West Hallam White Rose CC, Morton Colliery CC, Hilton CC, Denby CC, Wirksworth and Middleton CC, Coal Aston CC, Riddings CC, Swarkestone CC, Chesterfield CC, Dinting CC, and a final big festival at Derbyshire CCC.



2022 in Summary

- Women's Softball participation up by 30% on 2021!
- 508 players involved in festivals!
- 44 teams!
- 22 festivals!
- 13 different days of cricket!

Thanks to all those clubs/ teams and players involved in 2022! Well done for taking part and giving cricket a go! We can't wait to see you again in 2023!

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Women & Girls Cricket

Women's Indoor League

DCF have ran two Women's Softball Indoor Leagues in 2022 for 17 different clubs/teams! Ran out of Willows Sports centre again, who not only run an outstanding indoor cricket facility but have also been fantastic hosts for DCF and the women's teams involved. It's extremely busy for many different sports down at the centre but DCF are very pleased we have been able to continue our partnership with them again!

The league in Jan/Feb had 10 different teams, across 2 groups of 5. Teams played each other twice, meaning 8 matches per team. Each league took place over 4 weeks on Sunday afternoons with play off's on week 5. Our league in the Autumn had the same format but with 12 teams, in 2 groups of six. The format is similar to traditional indoor cricket but with less overs in order to get more games in a shorter period of time.

The first of these leagues had teams from Ilkeston Rutland, Belper Amateurs, Chellaston, Sandiacre Town, Eckington, Long Eaton, Belper Meadows, Hilton, Ashbourne and Darley Abbey. 4 of these teams 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. Ilkeston Rutland won this league winning 7 out of their 8 games, they then comfortably progressed through the Semi Finals and went on to win the final!



The 2nd of these leagues started on the 16th of October and ran until the 27th of November. It featured teams from Eastwood Town, Belper Meadows, Marehay, Alvaston & Boulton, Swarkestone, Aston Village, Swanwick, Hilton, Matlock & Cromford Meadows, Sandiacre Town, Belper Amateurs and Long Eaton! This included 7 brand new teams! Belper Amateurs won this league winning 9 out of their 10 group games, they then comfortably progressed through the Semi Finals and went on to win the final!

Congratulations Ilkeston Rutland CC and Belper Amateurs CC! As well as all of the teams involved! We hope you all enjoyed it!

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Women & Girls Cricket

Girls U9's

Girls U9's softball cricket continued to be run by all junior leagues in 2022 and this will be the same again in 2023 using the same format as all other U9's 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 or contact charlie.storr@dcfcricket.com

Girls U12's

The Derbyshire Cricket Foundation will be running a girls U12's league in 2023. This format ran in 2021 and 2022 with some success, we had 10 & 8 teams enter from across the county who played games in 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)
- 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.

Fixtures will be sent out in the new year!

For now though, if you club hasn't already, please express an interest in taking part for 2023 by filling in the form found [HERE](#).

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



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Women & Girls Cricket

East Midlands Women's Cricket League

The league offers localised 3 different forms of Women's Cricket and is growing very quickly year on year!

Softball Leagues, 8-a-side pairs hardball (Super 8's) and Long Format Hardball (40/45 over, 11-a-side) cricket.

For those that play softball festivals the league would be a good next step if you're ready to take it and would not clash with festivals should you wish to continue entering those too.

For those wanting to try hardball for the first time, this would also be the best way to do so.

In 2022 Derbyshire had 26 teams from 20 different clubs entered in the league across both Softball and Hardball.

Below are the clubs who took part in 2022:

Softball League

Belper Amateurs
Ilkeston Rutland
Belper Meadows
Clifton
Duffield
Holmesfield
Long Eaton
South Wingfield
Riddings
Matlock & Cromford
Alfreton
Clowne Town
Sandiacre Town
Hilton
Darley Abbey

Super 8's cricket (pairs hardball)

Ockbrook and Borrowwash
Denby
Duffield
Ilkeston Rutland
Clifton
Long Eaton

Long Format 40/45 over Hardball

Spondon 1sts
Spondon 2nds
Ockbrook and Borrowwash
Denby
Cutthorpe

We wrote to clubs in October to collect entries for 2023 and we have 9 new entries from Derbyshire! Aston-on-Trent, Chellaston, Eckington, Hundall, Langley Mill United, Marehay, Morton Colliery, Swanwick Hall and Swarkestone will all be having a go at Women's League Cricket in 2023!

For more info on the East Midlands Women's League, please contact charlie.storr@dcfcricket.com



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Women & Girls Performance Pathway

For the first time in 2 years we had a full winter training programme with a record number of girls taking part. Below is a brief resume of the season that followed:

Women's Team

The Women's County Championship remained as a four day T20 competition with our Women reaching finals day in Lancashire, a tremendous achievement.

We played 6 games on the way to the final, winning 3 and losing 3 but unfortunately ended up losing both our games on finals day. Megan Pittman was leading run scorer with 159 and Emma Thatcher finished as leading wicket taker with 9.

U18 Girls

The U18 Girls played 14 games, winning 7, losing 6 with 1 being tied. Lara Shaw was the leading run scorer with 390 and Lola Blake leading wicket taker with 12.

Notable performances with the bat during the season came from Jess Smithurst with 86 and Lara Shaw with 82, both against Lincolnshire, wickets were generally shared around the team.

U17 Girls Development

The introduction of an U17 Development Team to help bridge the 3 year gap between U15 and U18 has worked well with 7 friendly games being played against other Counties.

Although resulting in 7 defeats some notable performances came from leading batter Kady Fuller making the highest score of 52 against Cheshire and top wicket taker Abbie Jordan taking 4 for 23 in the same game.

U15 Girls

Our U15's won 12 and lost 7 of their 19 games. The leading run scorers in 2022 were Sophia McCollum (447 runs) and Priya Kondratiuk (433 runs) with Phoebe Arthan finishing leading wicket taker with 16 wickets.

Batting wise we had two girls making centuries, Priya Kondratiuk making two during the season, 112 not out and 106 not out, both against Lincolnshire and Ophelia Wenham also making 100 not out against Lincolnshire. On the bowling front, Emma Hands 5 for 6 against Norfolk was the pick of the bunch.

The Girls also thoroughly enjoyed the Malvern Festival that they attended in July.

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Women & Girls Performance Pathway

U13 Girls

In addition to some Intra County games our U13's played 14 fixtures against other Counties, winning 6 and losing 8. Leading the batting was Holly Mayfield with 132 runs and Grace Wolfenden finishing top bowler with 10 wickets.

Holly Mayfield and Amalie Clarkson both had the top score of 39 and the stand out bowling performance was by Grace Wolfenden when she took 6 for 12 against Leicestershire.

U11 Girls

The U11's played a number of Intra County games and also 16 games against other Counties, winning 12, losing 2, drawing 1 with 1 game tied. The leading run scorer was Penny Tanner with 292 runs and the leading bowler was Anika Verma with 13 wickets.

Penny Tanner top scored in the U11 season against other Counties with 71 not out against Durham and wickets were shared around throughout the season.



A huge thanks to Ashbourne, Belper Amateurs, Belper Meadows, Brailsford and Ednaston, Breadsall, 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.

During 2022 the previous Lightning Regional Squads relocated from Loughborough to Trent Bridge and now go under a new name "The Blaze" and four of our Girls have been selected for their EPP, Harriett Parkin, Maria Andrews, Priya Kondratiuk and Sophia McCollum.

Our plans are now in place for 2023 and winter training has already started in the Indoor Performance Centre at the Incora County Ground with a record number of girls involved again, providing more evidence that the Women and Girls game continues to grow.

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National Programmes

It was another strong year for National Programmes in Derbyshire with 61 All Stars Cricket Centres and 42 Dynamos Cricket Centres and we were delighted that 2374 children got involved across the programmes this year!

650 of these children were female which equated to a high 28% of participants, the highest we have ever had. We trained 61 new activators in 2022 and we now have nearly 50 trained female activators. We are extremely proud of all the effort our activators put in to make our National Programmes a success and provide brilliant role models to all the children who take part!!

In 2022 we received funding to deliver 14 programmes in deprived areas that could offer free places for children to participate in All Stars and Dynamos. 8 of these programmes supported our inner-city clubs Chellaston CC, Derby Congs CC, Rosehill Methodists CC and Alvaston & Boulton CC.

We also had major success with our Kiwi Park centre that engaged local residents and our new club centres, Grassmoor Works CC and Langwith CC. We hope we can continue the success of these centres in future years and expand them to further areas of the county that are in need of support.



The National Programmes have proven a valuable way to provide young children with an exciting entry point to cricket whilst teaching them the basic skills of the game and important life skills such as teamwork and communication. We have also seen clubs thrive due to the added engagement with parents who have become involved with the club as volunteers or players themselves.

It was brilliant to also be able to provide money can't buy experiences throughout the summer to All Stars and Dynamos participants that included free tickets to England Men and Women's Games, free tickets to the Hundred and Guard of Honour opportunities at Derbyshire CCC games. In total we managed to give over 1000 children this experience and we are extremely proud of this achievement.

If your club would like more information about All Stars or Dynamos then please contact Tom Coxhead on Tom.Coxhead@dcfcricquet.com

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Community Projects & Events

2022 has been an exciting year for the Derbyshire Cricket Foundation and in particular the work we have done within the community. We are striving to make cricket inclusive and accessible for everyone in Derbyshire and this starts with our work within the local community.

Walking Cricket

The walking cricket programme continued in 2022. Throughout the year we ran walking cricket sessions across 2 venues Alfreton leisure Centre and Willows Sports Centre. The sessions have been aimed at those ladies and gentlemen who are looking to keep physically and socially active. The sessions have been based on an hour's physical activity and then once that has finished the participants have been able to enjoy a nice cup of tea or coffee and enjoy the social side to the sport. We have had good feedback from the sessions we have been running with participants saying they have really enjoyed the session and enjoyed the social side just as much as the physical side.

In 2023 we are wanting to expand our walking cricket programme and take it to new venues across the county. The plan for the new year is to have 4 new walking cricket centres up and running alongside our 2 current ones. If you are interested in our walking cricket programme, please contact jack.richardson@dcfcricket.com or visit our website and have a look at our current walking cricket sessions that are taking place.



Falcons Cricket in the classroom programme

We delivered the Falcons Classroom Cricket at the Incora County Ground. During 2022, we engaged 7 schools who enjoyed a mix of educational and physical activities.

Schools were invited to take up the offer for their students from years 4, 5 and 6 which entailed Cricket sessions, healthy eating workshops, sustainable living activities in the DCF community allotment and disability awareness delivered via a visually impaired cricket session from Disability officer Jess Bakewell.

Seven dates were allocated to the programme during the summer term and we are looking forward to delivering another successful Falcons Classroom programme in 2023. Look out for further information via our website.

Contact Mark Barber if you are interested in finding out more at mark.barber@dcfcricket.com

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HAF Summer Programme in Partnership with Aspire Community Wrestling Alliance

As part of our work to support local communities, we worked with Aspire Community Wrestling Alliance Ltd to deliver 4 weeks of Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme from the end of July through to mid-August.

90 children were engaged across the duration of the programme with a range of activities and meal provision on offer.

Local Caterer, Josie Hardaker, provided nourishing hot meals every day and Morrisons Community Champion, Sarah, made weekly donations that helped to provide crackers, breadsticks, healthy snacks and fruit, all providing the much-needed energy to take part in the breadth of activities on offer.

Children also had the opportunity to make smoothies, choosing from a range of ingredients. Children were also able to make themselves sandwiches using healthy fillings, highlighting the importance of reducing fatty foods and promoting a balanced diet.



Enrichment activities included drama/creative art activities delivered by Feel Alive, we utilised the community allotment on site at the ground with children learning more about where their food comes from, children were treated to facepainting and balloon modelling, and a wrestling show. The children also enjoyed a bouncy castle and slip and slide during the hot spell this summer.

In terms of physical activity, the children had a go at Visually Impaired cricket, with adaptations led by Disability Officer, Jess. There was also the opportunity to try curling, boccia, table tennis, archery, skipping, football, and use the catching mats. Zumba sessions were provided as well as cycling with Cycle Derby and basketball skills and drills delivered by the Trailblazers.



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Diwali Celebrations: Saturday 15th October

The celebrations were held in the Greene King IPA Marquee at the Incora County Ground, with the popular showpiece event being well supported once again, featuring bhangra music, Bollywood dancers, fireworks, and a traditional Indian 3-course meal. The Cricket Derbyshire India Club have been successfully running the Diwali celebrations for the past 9 years, bringing together individuals and businesses from across Derby and the wider community to celebrate the festival of lights.

The Diwali event – sponsored this year by Bowmer and Kirkland, TMS Management, Bal Construction, Invictus Communications, Central England Co-Operative, Specsavers, Unison, Slice of India, AG Fencing and Landscaping, R & R Student Lets, Sky Recruitment Solutions and Capella Professional, Trent Barton, and Fairfax Meadow – raised vital funds for the Derbyshire Cricket Foundation.

This years event saw 280+ people attend the celebrations ,raising over £13,000 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. These vital funds will have a massive impact on the projects that we run across Derby City and the wider county.



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

Please see below our up and coming ECB Foundation 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.

We are in the process of organising Core Coach courses, so please make sure to keep checking our website [HERE](#) for up to date information on all coaching courses!

Foundation Coach Courses

Venue: Aldercar School
Date: 11th and 18th March
Booking Link Click [HERE](#)

Venue: Kirk Hallam
Date: 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th June
Booking Link Click [HERE](#)

Venue: Matlock CC (Female Only Course)
Date: 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th June
Booking Link Click [HERE](#)

Venue: Chapel en le Frith
Date: 23rd and 30th April
Booking Link Click [HERE](#)



Support Coach Courses

Venue: DCCC
Dates: 1st April
Booking Link Click [HERE](#)

Venue: Spondon CC (Female Only Course)
Date: 21st May
Booking Link Click [HERE](#)

Venue: Denby CC
Dates: 14th May
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Workforce - Derbyshire ACO & Ground Maintenance

Scorers Courses

There is an Introduction to Scoring course on 23rd February at Cutthorpe CC. More info can be found [HERE](#). This course is ideal for complete beginners or as a refresher.

There is a Club Scorer course on 12th February at Derbyshire CCC. More info can be found [HERE](#). This course is for anyone who wants to or is scoring on a regular basis and is the only one to comprehensively teach you how to score.

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 1st April 2023, at Belper Meadows CC. 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 Grounds Maintenance Association are happy to provide support and guidance to cricket clubs relating to ground maintenance matters. To get in contact with them please email dga@dcfcricicket.com

On Saturday April 1st the Association will be running an "Introduction to Ground Maintenance" course at Quarndon Cricket Club. The course will be run by Steve Hollis and will be free to anyone interested. We will cover topics such as pre-season mowing and rolling, how to "square the square" and how to prepare a pitch. Contact dga@dcfcricicket.com to show your interest.

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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DCCC Offers

Vitality Blast Pass 2023 On Sale Now!

Vitality Blast is set to be bigger and better than ever next summer and you can experience it all with a Blast Pass.

That's entry to five group stages matches at The Incora County Ground, the local derby versus Yorkshire Vikings at Chesterfield, and the Blast Off tournament opener at Edgbaston, which sees Derbyshire take part in a double-header with a Finals Day atmosphere.

Plus, watch Heather Knight's England take on Sri Lanka in T20 action in September as they return to Derby following a record attendance in 2022.

That's 9 games of T20 cricket for just £99 if bought during our Early Bird Window. But be quick, this ends on 31 January.

Find out more and buy now to save [HERE](#)

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