



Bucks Cricket

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## BUCKS CRICKET NEWS

MAY 2021 REPORT

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### MANAGING DIRECTOR'S NOTES

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As I am sure it has been for everyone reading, we have had a hectic few weeks at Bucks Cricket setting up our programmes for the summer and delivering coaching at every opportunity.

We began back with Chance to Shine coaching in Primary Schools when schools returned before Easter. Then over the Easter holidays we delivered over 185 hours of coaching to our boys and girls pathway squads from U11 to U18, enabling coaches to select squads for the summer, where there are currently over 275 fixtures planned from U11 to 1st XI Men and Women.

We have big plans to grow the game, particularly in the second half of the summer. This will centre around Women and Girls cricket and children from lower socio-economic backgrounds getting far more opportunities to play in Schools, Clubs and Community Settings.

If you would be interested in partnering with or sponsoring Bucks Cricket this summer, please get in touch with me. Keep up to date with all the latest news via our Social Media feeds and most importantly, have a great and safe summer of Cricket!

### CLUB CRICKET



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#### Junior Competitions:

The season is now underway! Despite the bad weather as @ the 18th May we have had 60 games completed, of which 51 (83%) were scored using the Play-Cricket scoring App. This is a fantastic effort from all involved and is a significant advance on 2020 where only 26% were scored digitally. Well done to all involved! The new Girl's competitions have also started with the first Girl's U11 festival taking place on Sunday the 16th May. Well done to Beaconsfield U11 Girl's winning their first game against Gerrards Cross by 21 runs.

#### Clubs Update:

National Programmes, All Stars and Dynamos, are now underway. There are currently over 1760 participants signed up over both programmes at 34 Club All Stars Centres and 17 Dynamos Centres. This is more than we have ever had before. A huge thank you to all of the volunteers at the Clubs for the hard work they have put in over the last few weeks to get ready for a fabulous summer of cricket.

There have been 9 First Aid courses provided during

volunteers in Bucks. There will be a few more courses to come in the early part of the season so please keep your eyes on our website and social media.

Over 100 coaches and activators have been trained in April with coaching courses taking place at Chesham CC, Beaconsfield CC, Buckingham Town CC, High Wycombe CC and Dinton CC. Thank you to those clubs for hosting. It is great to see such high demand for coaching courses and we have already put a plan in place to provide more courses towards the end of the season. The new Support coach is now ready and our team will be putting on courses throughout June, July and August.

**Clubmark** is being replaced with the new Safe Hands Management System. This system helps clubs to ensure that they are safe to deliver youth cricket at their club by giving clubs a central database to keep all of the coaches, officials and volunteers DBS records etc. It is a one stop shop to see who has gone out of date for courses making it easier for clubs to monitor. We currently have 26 clubs on the system at present with another 5 to go online by the end of the month. If clubs would like more information on this system please email: [emma.boswell-harris@bucksclub.org](mailto:emma.boswell-harris@bucksclub.org)

# PLAYER PATHWAY BOYS U11-U18 - GIRLS U11-WOMEN

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After a disruptive Winter due to obvious reasons, we finally got cricket back on through the Easter Holidays! All the age groups managed to dodge the snow and complete the WTP1 programme. Many thanks to all venues, coaches, players and of course the parents for braving the elements and giving the opportunity for the players to get back playing cricket again. These sessions followed the online game awareness sessions and fitness week which took place back in February half term.

It certainly wasn't the WTP1 we anticipated but the main thing is we got children across our age groups engaged in some form of activity away from all the zooming going on at school etc. The selection process was made much more difficult due to the fact we were unable to see the players as frequently and of course I'm aware there will be a lot of disappointed kids & parents.

Players develop at different stages and our aim is to keep as many players involved in the game for as long as possible. If your child wasn't selected this time around there will be opportunities further down the line. As Andrew Strauss said on his Q&A with us earlier in the year, he wasn't selected on a pathway until his late teenage years! However, we naturally want to develop as many players in Bucks as possible whether they are on our programme or not and therefore have created a 'Future Pro Framework' to follow.

[https://bucksclub.org/play-cricket.com/website/web\\_pages/255092](https://bucksclub.org/play-cricket.com/website/web_pages/255092).

Within this we have highlighted key areas which we believe are important for any cricketer aspiring to improve their game. We don't offer specific feedback for players 10-13 as we believe it's important for the players to develop their all-round game. At 14+ we will offer individual feedback.

## You can view all of the Pathway Boys and Girls Summer Squads here:

[https://bucksclub.org/play-cricket.com/news\\_details?article\\_id=183890&date\\_range=last\\_year&keyword=&model\\_name=NewsArticle&news\\_type=news&page=1](https://bucksclub.org/play-cricket.com/news_details?article_id=183890&date_range=last_year&keyword=&model_name=NewsArticle&news_type=news&page=1)

Congratulations to Dom Goodman from everyone at Bucks Cricket & his club Chesham Cricket Club who made his 1st class debut for Gloucestershire earlier this month. Dom came through our pathway starting at U10 until signing for Gloucs. He also made his 1st team debut for Chesham at 16 and played a couple of seasons before moving school to Clifton College.

If your club/school would be interested in hosting training/matches please let Ed know on [admin@bucksclub.org](mailto:admin@bucksclub.org).



*BucksFit a new Womens engagement programme*



*Chiltern Girls Cluster coaching*



*ECB Foundation 1 Coaching Course at Chesham CC*



*Girls Pathway Coaching at Chesham CC*

# SCHOOLS CRICKET



**CHANCE TO SHINE**  
Spreading the power of cricket

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After a slow emergence from lockdown the schools programme is now gathering pace following the Easter Break. 12 Schools are receiving Chance to Shine Whole School Programmes (A full day of delivery for 6 weeks). In the first week of term approximately 1200 primary school children had a great first experience of cricket in this way.

We are also delivering one-off visits to schools (Chance to Shine Engagement Days), here are some quotes from children at Oakley School who enjoyed an engagement day on Friday; "I liked the session but my best part was the bowling challenge at the end", "It was challenging. I had to use perseverance and my confidence but I found it exciting", "The catching skills made me think about throwing the ball more carefully", "It was fun"

We've made a successful return to secondary schools with the Chance to Shine and Bucks Cricket girls' programmes with around 300 girls in 7 schools from Wolverton to Wycombe enjoying the game.

We are gearing up for the first of our inter-school festivals in May – hosted at North Marston & Granborough CC and supported by a dozen of the 28 freshly trained young leaders from The Buckingham School.



Batting Relays setup for coaching at Broughton Infant School

All Stars Cricket at Haddenham CC



## INSPIRED TO PLAY GRANTS

The ECB are offering grants to clubs which will enable them to provide cricket deep in to the summer so that you don't miss out on the recruitment of players to your club. This is off the back of the launch of 'The Hundred' and the free to air television that will reach large numbers of people that don't currently participate in our game.

The "Inspired to Play" Grant scheme aims to increase the number of children (boys and girls) and/or women participating in the game by supporting the delivery of new/enhanced recreational cricket activity in England and Wales during the months of June - September 2021.

Your Club can now apply for a grant of £1,000 and/or £250 to help your Club open up for new and current players this summer. To apply, please follow the below steps:

- Please check your eligibility and requirements by reading the guidance notes
- Register your Club on ECB's Investment Management System (or log in if already registered) and select "Inspired to Play" from the list of funding programmes
- Complete the application form and sign and return the contract offer letter to release funding

If you have any questions, please contact: emma.boswell-harris@bucksclub.org

# URBAN CRICKET

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## Street Cricket

- **High Wycombe Street Cricket** (11-15yr olds) – Every Tuesday at Highcrest Academy Outdoor AstroTurf Area, from 5:30pm to 7pm
- **Aylesbury Street Cricket** (11-15yr olds) – Every Saturday at Sir Henry Floyd Grammar School Outdoor AstroTurf Area, from 10:30am-12pm
- **Wolverton Street Cricket** (8-11yr olds) - Every Saturday at the Radcliffe School Outdoor Hardcourt Area, from 1:30pm-3pm
- **Bletchley Street Cricket** (11-15yr olds) - Every Saturday at the Leon Leisure Centre Outdoor Hardcourt Area, from 3:30pm-5pm



Street Cricket Project at Henry Floyd Grammar in Aylesbury



Bucks umpire, Anna Harris has become part of the first all female umpiring duo in Premier League Club Cricket.

## OFFICIATING

### Women to stand together in EWCB Premier League match.

Article from ESPN Cricinfo.

Two women are set to stand together as umpires in an England and Wales Cricket Board (EWCB) Premier League match this weekend in what is believed to be a first for the league. Anna Harris and Yvonne Dolphin-Cooper will umpire Downend's home West of England Premier League (WEPL) fixture with Bedminster in Gloucestershire. The pair will also stand in the South Wales Premier League match between St Fagans and Pontarddulais the following weekend.

After searching record books and speaking to people involved in the game across England and Wales, the EWCB could find no record of an all-female duo officiating in one of its Premier League matches. Gloucestershire County Cricket Board hoped that the two appointments would "highlight the fact that a growing number of women are now umpiring, and to encourage even more women to consider officiating at all levels of the sport".

Dolphin-Cooper, 64, is well known as an umpire on the WEPL circuit as well as for officiating in visually impaired cricket, including an international between England and India. Harris, a 22-year-old Cardiff-based medical student who also plays cricket for Wales, has stood in the Thames Valley League for three summers and completed a season in Melbourne. Both umpired during last year's inaugural Rachael Heyhoe Flint Trophy.

Chris Fortune, WEPL vice-chair, said the league was proud to have Dolphin-Cooper and Harris stand in this weekend's game. "Congratulations to both of our on-field officials, and for all of their hard work and commitment to their roles over a number of years", Fortune said. "Our thanks also go to the Downend and Bedminster clubs for facilitating this momentous day".