

## SURREY CRICKET FOUNDATION 2019 REVIEW

### **Director of Cricket Participation Paul Taylor looks back on a year of effort and achievement right across the county.**

What a year for English cricket! It was dubbed as the biggest year of cricket ever, with the Cricket World Cup and Ashes both being held during this summer, and it did not fail to disappoint.

England won the World Cup by the closest of margins, with our own Jason Roy playing a major part in the last ball run-out to clinch the trophy. This was followed by a closely fought Ashes series, which although England narrowly lost, we saw what was one of the most memorable innings ever - Ben Stokes at Headingley!

The profile of the game has never been greater, and we have already seen an upsurge in interest throughout the recreational game. Our challenge as we move forward is to ensure we capture and maximise that interest, to continue to grow the game.

We have said goodbye to Sajid Patel (Participation Officer – Diverse Communities) who has moved on, but have welcomed Lettie Hadley (Cricket Participation Administrator), as a permanent member of the team, Hallan Baldock (Community Coach) and Ryan Gregory (Community Coach), both on fixed term contracts.

We have welcomed Sean Keaton and Nigel Martyn to the Board of Trustees.

Sean is the secretary of the NEC Surrey Junior Cricket League & on the committee of Dulwich CC as the welfare officer & pathway co-ordinator. He is on the executive committee of the London Schools Cricket Association & helps coach & manage the U14 team.

Nigel had a 35-year career in commercial and corporate banking with Lloyds Bank and most recently was Global Head of the Beverages and Hotels Sector and Virgin Group corporate relationships. He is the current Chairman of Tilford Cricket Club.

We have said goodbye to David Kingsmill, one of the longest serving Trustees, who has recently retired from the Board. We would all like to sincerely thank David for his outstanding contribution to the Surrey Cricket Foundation over many years.

I would also like to thank Surrey County Cricket Club for the continued support that we receive as a Foundation. We share common goals and have an incredibly strong link with the County, which continues to flourish. I would also like to thank the SCF Trustees, especially our Chairman, Simon Dyson, for their commitment and support in helping shape our operation and ensuring we continue to drive the development of our programmes.

Our goal is to '*Support and Improve*' the recreational game in Surrey and South London and we appreciate the extensive network of volunteers out there that we try to support. Without their dedication the game simply would not exist, so thank you to all those people making a difference.

Lastly, I would like to thank my team for their hard work, support, passion and dedication throughout the year – without them the successes achieved would not have been possible. As we move forward into 2020, exciting challenges lie ahead. More funding is being distributed into recreational cricket than ever before, to help support the upsurge of interest in the game, and at the SCF we are refocusing our strategy and resources to support the enhanced delivery of our programmes.

There is also the fantastic news that with the new television rights deal being secured by the ECB, we will see cricket going back onto free-to-air TV, via the BBC, and we wait in anticipation as to the response this will have.

# KIDS & SCHOOLS

## SCHOOL PROGRAMMES

2019 saw 18,655 participants take part in either regular schools coaching, or in Roadshow activity. 7,194 participants took part in inter-school competitions.

	2018	2019
<b>Schools involved</b>	125 Schools (104 Primary, 11 Secondary & 10 Special Schools)	129 Schools (120 primary & 9 Special Schools)
<b>Coaching hours</b>	4376	3642
<b>No. Children receiving regular coaching</b>	22,645 (53% male, 47% female)	18,655 (14,743 Full Schools Program, 3912 Roadshow)
<b>No. of inter school matches</b>	2446	2098
<b>No. of teachers receiving training</b>	199	141

As with previous years, although there were some challenges in booking in the Chance to Shine hours with schools and clubs, the schools which received delivery saw tremendous benefits from the coaching and received some great feedback:

*"The children have thoroughly enjoyed their sessions and have gained invaluable skills that they can use in their lives."*

*"Everyone totally loved it! Outdoors both teachers got involved in orchestrating the small games."*

*"The promotion of cricket has affected every aspect of school life, from behaviour to punctuality, it has improved the confidence of pupil at the school"*

A total of 856 (676 Primary and 180 Secondary) teams entered our competitions in 2019, taking part in 2098 matches. The rain took its toll on the competitions during the summer, with many local competitions, and even the Year 6 County finals, needing to be rearranged. Although we did manage to rearrange the majority of the competitions, the weather did have an impact on the number of teams taking part and the number of matches played. All schools who took part in the competitions enjoyed them, and good feedback was received after the finals day:

*'Thank you for a great day yesterday. It was really well organised and the boys from Merstham all had a fantastic experience.'*

Congratulations to the following schools for their achievements this year:

## SCHOOLS COMPETITIONS ROLL OF HONOUR 2019

<b>Competition</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Runner up</b>
<b>ECB/ESCA National U15 T20</b>	Whitgift	Epsom College
<b>ESCA NatWest County Cup</b>	RGS Guildford	KCS Wimbledon
<b>SSCA U15 T20 Vase</b>	Tiffin Boys	Archbishop Lanfranc
<b>Anderson Cup</b>	Cranleigh	Trinity
<b>U14 Plate</b>	Weydon	Wallington CGS
<b>Wacyn Evans Trophy</b>	Whitgift	Trinity
<b>U13 Plate Competition</b>	<i>Wallington CGS/Howard of Eff/Weydon</i>	
<b>Bunbury Jubilee Trophy</b>	Whitgift	Trinity
<b>U12 Plate Competition</b>	<i>Carshalton BSC/Reigate Sch/John Fisher</i>	
<b>Verney Cup</b>	Downsend	KCJS Wimbledon
<b>Geoff Richards Trophy</b>	Rokeby	Parkside
<b>SOCS U15 Girls' Cup</b>	Reigate GS	Kingston GS
<b>SSCA U15 Girls' Softball</b>	<i>Guildford HS/Hinchley Wood/The Charter</i>	
<b>SOCS U13 Girls' Cup</b>	Broomwood Hall	George Abbot
<b>ESCA U13 Hardball Cup</b>	St George's College	Kingston GS
<b>Connellan Trophy</b>	The Greville	Holly Lodge
<b>Kwik Cricket Yr. 6 Open</b>	Winterbourne	St Martins
<b>Kwik Cricket Yr. 6 Girls</b>	Belleville	West Byfleet
<b>Kwik Cricket Yr. 5 Open</b>	Horsell	Winterbourne
<b>Lady Taverners u13 Girls Indoor</b>	George Abbot	Woldingham
<b>Lady Taverners u15 Girls Indoor</b>	Kingston Grammar	Reigate Grammar
<b>Boys Yr7/8 Indoor</b>	George Abbot	Ernest Bevin
<b>Boys Yr9/10 Indoor</b>	Archbishop Lanfranc	Dunottar

## **HOBBS TROPHY 2019**

The 49<sup>th</sup> Hobbs Trophy match was played at The Kia Oval during the first week of July. The later date due to the ICC World Cup probably contributed to better weather for this year.

London Schools' captain, Will Leggett, won the toss and elected to bat first. Openers Leggett and Matt McGowan (35) had no alarms in scoring 41 from the first 10 overs and looked set for a big score. Alex Cormack then bowled the London captain with his first delivery, and 3 wickets from impressive off-spinner Shoaib Bashir reduced London to 78-4 at the halfway point. Luca Holloway (24) joined Otto Proctor (41) and led the fightback which took the score to 133-4 with 10 overs remaining. The pendulum swung again as seamer Amrullah returned to dismiss both batsmen. Despite some strong blows from Harri Graham (20), 2 run-outs prevented the London innings from gaining momentum, and they were bowled out in 38.1 overs for 174.

The Surrey chase started in the worst possible way as Jackson Ellis was bowled first ball by Dulen Abayakoon. Surrey captain, Ragu Aravinthan, then joined Rayham Rafiq in a stand of 75 from 67 balls before Rafiq (32) was caught from the leg-spin of U14 Ahmad Khan. Aravinthan was joined by Charlie Topley who immediately took the attack to the London bowlers, being particularly severe on Khan. By the time Topley (41) holed out off Khan, only 22 runs were needed from 110 balls. The introduction of Luxan Sureshan in the 24th over brought the end of a splendid innings of 83 from only 64 balls by Aravinthan, but only 5 runs were then needed for victory. 5 balls later, Ollie Barrow cut the ball to the third man boundary to secure an emphatic 6 wicket victory for Surrey with more than 15 overs to spare Surrey captain, Ragu Aravinthan, was deservedly named Man of the Match by the match umpires and received the David Lomas Award.

## **PINSENT MASONS SCHOLARSHIP**

12 children from our state school program were again selected to receive a Pinsent Masons Scholarship, entitling them to a free place on an SCF development course. The scholars were invited to an on the pitch presentation, which took place before Surrey's T20 match against Somerset. The 2019 Pinsent Mason Scholars were: Jacob Norridge, Reehan Magoon, Jacob Maycock-Prime, Thomas Taylor, Abigail Payne, Oscar Garcia Sagra, James Robinson, Humayd Rahman, Finley McElroy, Tomas Sceats, Geyana Emmanuel, Daniel Grey.

## **WOKING BEDSER SCHOOLS CRICKET SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME**

Surrey Cricket runs an annual school's cricket programme in honour of Alec and Eric Bedser. The Bedser Scholarships are awarded annually to six children who are state school educated in Woking and are do not play Performance or County Cricket. The scholarship includes cricket equipment vouchers, club subscription, one-to-one coaching, a bespoke five-week coaching course and tickets to attend a match at the Kia Oval.

The 2019 Bedser Scholars were;

Siddarth Pillai (Year 4), Shivesh Jhunjwala (Year 4), Luke Price (Year 5), Amelia Fahey (Year 5), Barnaby Gough (Year 6), and Cameron Birch (Year 8).

The Scholars were awarded their prizes by Liam Plunkett on the pith before the start of play in the Surrey vs Somerset T20 Blast Fixture. Our thanks go to the Bedser Scholarship Woking group for their support in making this programme a success.

## **ALL STARS CRICKET**

2019 saw the National entry level, All Stars program, complete its third year. Participation has increased year on year with 69 programs across 57 cricket clubs, 2 schools and 2 community hubs participating in 2019.

Year	Total	% of girls	Total numbers of girls
2017	1681	14.87%	250
2018	1945	19.65%	379
2019	2385	19.12%	456

In 2019 we recommended Surrey clubs increase the cost to the participant. The Surrey based programs charged an average of £51.50. Two programs were funded by GLA funding and one school used their Premium funding to support their program. Over 248 Surrey based All Stars Activators have been trained over the past three years. Our thanks go to all those involved in making our 2019 All Stars program a huge success.

## **SCHOOLS DAY**

The SCF once again took the lead delivering another successful schools day on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019. The day saw approximately 5500 children from 130 Primary and Secondary schools at the Kia Oval to watch the Royal London One Day cup match between Surrey and Hampshire. Once again, all participants had a great time watching the cricket, and taking part in activities such as Cricket Factory and the Batfast Simulator and having their faces painted by Face-FX. Once again, some fantastic feedback was received from the attending schools.

## **COMMUNITIES**

The SCF communities programme offers different formats that are outside the traditional cricketing environments. Activities includes a range of different playing opportunities to make the game accessible to all.

## **CHANCE TO SHINE – STREET YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMMES**

In 2019, SCF ran ten Street Youth (8-14-year olds) projects and four Street Young Adult (16-24-year olds) projects.

The Youth projects have taken place in the London & Surrey boroughs of Lambeth (3 Projects), Croydon (2 projects), Kingston (2 projects), Sutton, Merton and Southwark. The Young Adult projects have taken place in the boroughs of Lambeth, Southwark, Wandsworth and Croydon.

This year we engaged with 691 participants across all projects which is up from last year's figures.

We had great success in the National Chance to Shine Street competitions with our U13 & U15 teams finishing third respectively and our young adult team being crowned national champions!

## **ECB CITY CUP**

This year we revamped our ECB City Cup which ran for 6-weeks over July and August with four brand new franchise teams Patriots, Saints, Knights and Titans supported by AJ Sports who provided new clothing and equipment. Players aged 15-18 were represented from all Surrey & South London borough's, playing fiercely competitive T20 cricket. A fifteen-player squad were selected after our regional competition who represented Surrey in the ECB National Competition where we ran out as convincing winners being crowned national champions.

Following the triumphant campaign, players have received opportunities to trial with the MCCYC and Surrey Academy.

## **CLUBS AND LEAGUES**

The SCF provides support to Clubs and Leagues in several different areas such as; affiliation benefits, junior section development, player retention, coach education and development, umpires and scorers training, volunteers, facility development and groundsmanship training and support.

## **JUNIOR LEAGUES**

SCF would like to thank all the volunteers who have worked tirelessly throughout the year to ensure there is a wide variety of formats of cricket for our junior club cricketers.

As we move into 2020 the junior cricket will come under the auspices of the Surrey Junior Cricket Championship who will be running junior leagues and cups across the whole county. The Foundation have been working extremely closely with the junior leagues to deliver this project and would like to thank them not only for their work in making it happen, but also for their dedication and service over the many years where they have been delivering junior cricket in Surrey.

As we move into 2020 a number of the volunteers from within the previous leagues will be involved in the new structure, working together to increase participation in Surrey over the coming years.

## JUNIOR LEAGUES ROLL OF HONOUR 2019

League	Age Group / League	Champions	Age Group / League	Champions
West Surrey Cricket League	Junior Division 1	East Molesey	Under 11 WSYCL West	Chobham
	Junior Division 2 East	Sunbury	Under 11 Development North East	Teddington Town
	Junior Division 2 West	Chobham	Under 11 Development North West	Chertsey
	Junior Division 3 East	Leatherhead	Under 11 Development South West	Horsley and Send
	Junior Division 3 North West	Normandy	Under 11 Softball	Claygate
	Junior Division 3 South	Albury	Under 10 Academy	Esher
	Junior Division 4 North West	Chobham	Under 10 WSYCL North East	Maori Oxshott
	Junior Division 4 South West	Godalming	Under 10 WSYCL South West	Wonersh and Shamley Green Juniors
	Junior Division 4 East	Horsley and Send	Under 10 WSYCL North West	Royal Ascot
	Under 13 WSYCL North East	Weybridge	Under 10 Development North	Hampton Wick Royal
	Under 13 WSYCL North West	Windsor	Under 10 Development East	Weybridge Vandals
	Under 13 WSYCL South	Cranleigh	Under 10 Development South West	Guildford City Youth Project
	Under 13 Development South East	Epsom	Under 09 Academy	Valley End
	Under 13 Development North	Egham	Under 09 WSYCL East	East Molesey
	Under 13 Development South West	Frimley	Under 09 WSYCL South	Cranleigh
	Under 12 Academy	Esher	Under 09 WSYCL West	Royal Ascot
	Under 12 WSYCL North	Walton on Thames	Under 09 Development Division 1 Central	Weybridge
	Under 12 WSYCL South	Normandy	Under 09 Development Division 1 East	East Molesey
	Under 12 Development North East	Long Ditton	Under 09 Development Division 1 South	Chiddingfold
	Under 12 Development North West	Weybridge Vandals	Under 09 Development Division 1 West	Sunbury
	Under 12 Development South	Farncombe	Under 09 Development Division 2 North Central	Shepperton
	Under 12 Development West	Normandy	Under 09 Development Division 2 North East	Kingstonian
	Under 11 Academy	Esher	Under 09 Development Division 2 North West	Valley End
	Under 11 WSYCL North	Esher	Under 09 Development Division 2 South Central	Horsley and Send
	Under 11 WSYCL South	Guildford	Under 09 Development Division 2 South West	Guildford City Youth Project

	Under 11 WSYCL East	Dorking		
North East & Central Surrey Colts League	U8 Zone A	AJ Cricket Academy	U11 Division 2	Wimbledon
	U8 Zone B	Spencer	U11 Division 1 Pairs	Bank of England
	U8 Zone C	Old Whitgiftians	U11 Division 2 Pairs	Addiscombe
	U9 Softball Zone A	Old Rutlishians	U12 Zone A	Sutton
	U9 Softball Zone B	Banstead	U12 Zone B	Reigate Priory
	U9 Zone A	Spencer	U12 'B' Team	Sutton
	U9 Zone B	Banstead	U13 Division 1	Ashtead
	U9 'B Team'	Old Rutlishians	U14 Zone A	Dulwich
	U10 Division 1	Oxted and Limpsfield	U14 Zone B	Sanderstead
	U10 – Division 2	Spencer	U15	Dulwich
	U10- Division 3	Beddington	U16	Dulwich
	U11 Division 1	AJ Cricket Academy		
	Mid-Surrey Colts League	U10 Pairs Div. 1	Ashtead	U13 Division 2
U10 Pairs Div. 2		Sheen Park	U13 Division 3	Cheam
U11 Division 1		Spencer	U14 Division 1	Richmond
U11 Division 2		Stoke D'Abernon	U14 Division 2	Stoke D'Abernon
U11 Division 3		Spencer	U14 August Group A	Richmond
U12 Division 1		Wimbledon	U14 August Group B	Wimbledon
U12 Division 2		Hampton Wick Royal	U15 Division 1	Richmond
U12 Division 3		Long Ditton	U15 Division 2	Hampton Wick Royal
U13 Division 1		Richmond	U17	Wimbledon
Two Counties League	U8	Horsley and Send	U13 Division 1	Guildford
	U9 Division 1	Fernhurst	U13 Division 2	Farnham
	U9 Division 2	Chiddingfold	U15 Division 1	Valley End
	U10 Division 1	Valley End	U15 Division 2	Chiddingfold
	U11 Division 1	Horsley and Send	U17 Division 1	Finchampstead
	U11 Division 2	Fernhurst	U17 Division 2	Aldershot
	U12	Valley End		
East Surrey Colts League	U8	Horsley and Send	U13 Division 1	Guildford
	U9 Division 1	Fernhurst	U13 Division 2	Farnham
	U9 Division 2	Chiddingfold	U15 Division 1	Valley End
	U10	Valley End	U15 Division 2	Chiddingfold
	U11 Division 1	Horsley and Send	U17 Division 1	Finchampstead
	U11 Division 2	Fernhurst	U17 Division 2	Aldershot
	U12	Valley End		



## **JUNIOR INVITATION LEAGUE**

The invitation league was created in 2017 in order to offer a top tier of competitive cricket for U13 and U15 sides. This has evolved into a county wide competition at 3 age groups following the inclusion of U14s in 2018. In 2019, the age-groups remained as U13, U14 & U15, and 23 clubs accepted invitations to participate in one or more age-groups. Unfortunately, Lingfield (at U13) and Esher (at U14) withdrew during the season due various availability issues.

The U13 League was again the most closely contested with Chobham and Esher both finishing with 8 wins, but Chobham took the spoils on the head-to-head result. In the U14 competition Reigate Priory took the title as the only unbeaten team across all 3 leagues. East Molesey Chargers took the U15 competition with a team comprising, at times, 6 or 7 players who were U14.

As we move into 2020, the invitation league will form part of the new Surrey Junior Cricket Championship providing the top tier of competition at U13-U15 across Surrey.

## **SOUTH ASIAN ENGAGEMENT**

The South Asian Working Group and SCF have started several initiatives to improve participation in the South Asian community. This was done by supporting leagues with facilities, up-skilling volunteers through officiating and coaching courses and developing community clubs.

SCF supported new initiatives like the T20 Blaze, London 6's, Refugee Cricket Project and Woking T20 as well as continuing to support leagues such as the BTCL, EPCL & KCL - whilst delivering community sessions and competitions across Surrey & South London.

## **THE AFRICAN CARIBBEAN CRICKET ASSOCIATION**

The African Caribbean Cricket Association use the Kia Oval to host monthly pan-London meetings to help develop their needs as a group, with the SCF and ECB all offering advice. There are plans for the ACCA to form part of a national organisation supporting black British cricketers in the UK

The SCF supported the ACCA with events such as a winter coaching programme, Emancipation Cricket match, Merton Cup, Memorial matches and Level Three coaching applications.

## **SURREY SLAM**

The SCF worked closely with the Surrey Slam again this year as the competition looked to grow significantly from its first year in 2018. In 2019 the Slam introduced a Sunday competition, a women's competition and a schools competition as the interest in this great short format product continued to grow. In all 99 teams took part across the adult competitions and in addition to some fantastic outcomes detailed in the pictures below the Sussex Slam has launched for 2020 as well which is great news. For more information about the Surrey Slam please visit <http://www.surreyslam.co.uk/>.

## **CLUBMARK**

Clubmark is ECB's kitemark scheme which aims to support clubs to provide fun, friendly and safe club environments for young people within cricket. Clubs that achieve Clubmark accreditation have met ECB's minimum quality standards across four key areas: demonstrating 'Proactive Leadership and Direction', providing a 'Welcoming Atmosphere' as well as an 'Inspiring and Diverse Offer' and finally 'Ensuring Every Person Matters'.

In 2019 we worked with 28 clubs, aiming to support them through their re-accreditation. Supported by 6 club facing Officers and Managers along with two volunteers (Alain Jason from Spencer and

Colin Mico from Caterham), we welcomed 2 new clubs into the Clubmark programme – Roehampton and Worplesdon & Burpham.

## **COACH EDUCATION**

### **COACH SUPPORT WORKERS**

The 2018/2019 programme proved popular once again as 220 Coach Support Workers were trained across 13 courses across Surrey. The course is designed for those who wish to support qualified coaches at clubs or other coaching environments.

For the first time, the Foundation ran successful 'Women Specific' courses at Box Hill School and Guildford Sports Centre and club-based courses were organised at Hampton Hill CC, Spencer CC, Englefield Green CC, Reigate Priory CC, Merstham CC and Chertsey CC.

### **LEVEL TWO**

As part of the last programme, the Foundation trained 156 Level Two coaches, which is a small increase on the previous programme.

Surrey remains among the leaders, in terms of course numbers (nine in the 2018/2019 programme) and candidates trained. Our progressive methods, including our mentoring system, helps to produce a high completion rate compared to many other counties.

### **ECB COACHES ASSOCIATION – SURREY**

The Surrey Coaches Association continues to support cricket coaches across the county. A new ECB initiative means that the SCA have actively sought and now have a number of 'Associate Members'. Associate membership is designed for those who have an interest in coaching, but do not need to have a coaching qualification in order to apply.

As part of our 2019 Outstanding Services to Cricket Awards, the Coach of the Year award winners were:

*Young Coach of the Year – Ajabgul Khan (Thornton Heath CC)*

*Outstanding Contribution – Harshil Trivedi (Thornton Heath CC)*

*Coach of the Year – Prathmesh Kaneri (Kingstonian CC)*

*Coaching Club of the Year – Malden Wanderers CC*

The SCA has some exciting plans for workshops for their membership in 2019/2020.

### **VITALITY U19 CLUB T20**

2019 was another great year for the Surrey Vitality U19 Club T20 competition. The key aims of this two-tier competition are a means to help retain teenage players in club cricket, as well as to engage young cricketers with exciting and competitive, short-form tournament.

A fiercely fought finals day, hosted by Reigate Priory Cricket Club in August, saw Wimbledon CC secure a narrow victory over Normandy to take the tier one final, while Horsley and Send CC lifted the tier two trophy following their win against Malden Wanderers CC.

Our thanks go to Dave Walter and Eric Sands One from the Surrey Trust League for their hard work and enthusiasm in managing the competition again this year.

## OSCAS (THE OUTSTANDING SERVICES TO CRICKET AWARDS)

The 2019 Outstanding Services to Cricket Awards took place on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August during Day 1 of Surrey's County Championship fixture against Hampshire.

The OSCAs aim to recognise and reward the voluntary hours that people put into recreational cricket around the country, enabling our great game to thrive and survive at grassroots level.

In 2019, we received 81 nominations. And this year's nominees and guests were treated to a Q&A with Stuart Meaker and Gus Atkinson of Surrey CCC, who were also on hand to deliver our awards.

The winners from 2019 were:

Young Volunteer (14-18) *Sponsored by Pitchero* – **Ines Duran Higginson** (Farncombe Wanderers CC)

Young Volunteer (19-25) *Sponsored by i-view* – **James Trower** (Stoke D'Abernon CC)

Proactive Leadership *Sponsored by AJ Fordham* – **Graham Mann** (Walton-on-Thames CC)

Most Inspiring & Diverse Offer *Sponsored by Flicx* – **Surrey Slam** (Matt Camp)

Heartbeat of the Club *Sponsored by Hamro Foundation* – **Julia Gault** (Mitcham CC)

Lifetime Achievement *Sponsored by Sharks Cricket Clothing* – **Keith Best** (Churchleigh CC)

We would like to congratulate all the winners and nominees in every category for the amazing work they do. Without them there would be no recreational cricket in Surrey!

## SURREY ASSOCIATION OF CRICKET OFFICIALS (SACO)

The winter of 2018/19 saw the SACO, the local branch of the ECB ACO, delivering a comprehensive range of training to both umpires and scorers at venues across the county. In addition to courses for those at the top end of the game, those aspiring to stand in county premier league cricket and beyond, and courses for club umpires, significant effort was put into training parents who want to umpire in junior cricket as well as reaching out to older teenager players so that they can support their club by umpiring in younger junior cricket matches. In addition to the face to face courses and online training material, the summer of 2019 saw the introduction of a new mentoring system to support newly trained umpires. In all, 334 people received Umpire training and 60 attended Scorer training during this period.

SACO were also proud to see two of their members appointed to umpire significant national events in 2019. One was appointed to the National Final of the Royal London Club Championship at Lord's and another was appointed to the National T20 Finals Day at Derbyshire CCC and asked to stand in the England U19 trials at Loughborough in August. On the scoring front, one of their members was selected to score for the England U19 internationals at Beckenham.

More details of their activities, training and opportunities can be found at <https://www.surreycricketofficials.org.uk/>.

## SURREY GROUNDS SUPPORT NETWORK (SGSN)

The SGSN was set up in 2017 to support the work of grounds people across Surrey. Our thanks go to the following people who form the network and help provide clubs with valuable support; John Dodwell, Jonny Nolan, Denis Bloomfield, Steve Redwood, John Vaughn-Davies, Chris Notton, Roger Tedstone, Jon Williams & Paul Stallard.

In 2019 there have been several support visits carried out at clubs and several 'Pitch Quality Standard' visits have taken place. In addition, the machinery hire scheme has seen over 20 clubs and organisations benefit from reduced hire rates on larger grounds equipment required for renovation work.

John Dodwell, our ECB County Pitch Adviser, is also involved in a project looking at improving the quality of local authority pitches in Elmbridge, working in collaboration with Elmbridge Borough Council and all clubs in the borough.

## **COMPLIANCE & WELFARE**

County Welfare Officer - Heidi Langrish, and her deputy, Nigel Legg continued their great work in taking a lead in compliance and welfare across Surrey. They delivered four Safe Hands Workshops in 2018, attended by around 70 club Welfare Officers. This was supported by a number of Welfare Officer Forums organised and run by Egham CC's Club Welfare Officer Carole Wright. In 2020 we will be working to deliver further Safe Hands courses alongside some informal workshops and the continuation of the Welfare Officer Forum.

## **FACILITIES**

### **FACILITY DEVELOPMENT**

The Surrey Cricket Foundation (SCF), through the Facilities Working Group (FWG) support the delivery of individual club and school-based facility development projects. They also work on a number of associated supporting programmes and offered services. In 2019, our support included the following:

- The FWG provides broad project advice and support from initial inception, through design, cost assessment, planning, tendering, funding assessments, legal support on Security of Tenure issues, non turf and grassed surface maintenance and improvement assessment via its extensive team of associated specialists and professionals.
- The FWG supports the grant application process by validating applications and approving the allocation of grants, whether this be SCF or ECB funding.
- The FWG advises and informs on the development of Local Authority Playing Pitch Strategies linking clubs where possible. Regular interaction with LA's takes place on a variety of issues including, in 2019, involvement in the first official asset transfer of Council owned grounds in Elmbridge to a cluster of 6 local clubs and active participation in pitch assessments and training courses for LA grounds teams.
- In partnership with the ECB and our neighbouring Counties the FWG are assisting the London Cricket Trust with the roll out of the first two phases of their non turf pitch provision in our Parks and providing support for the recruitment of the first 'Parks Champion' (Facility Manager). Joint LCT and SCF Trustee Sophie Kent has joined the FWG.
- Through the excellent work of FWG representative John Dodwell and his contacts, the FWG offers a number of grounds support services including pitch and grounds assessments for our Clubs, Schools and Local Authorities.
- The first trench of Flicx Pitches have been installed to clubs and schools with specially discounted rates obtained, and preparatory ground works inspected.

- Working partnerships with schools continue to be developed with agreements on facility improvements being supported with funding in exchange for free or heavily subsidised County Coaching usage.
- Joint ventures are being initiated with new partners, including Nursery Providers Growing Fingers Ltd which will bring significant capital and revenue invested into partnering clubs. Other similar agreements are being sorted.

The 2019 Facilities Programme saw the following:

- SCF Grants awarded between 2016 and 2019: 38 projects supported totalling £302k of investment from the SCF.
- ECB Small Grants (Get the Game On): 23 clubs with £58k of projects supported by £39k of grants.
- ECB World Cup Grants: 68 clubs with £110k of projects supported by £68k of grants
- We have 177 projects currently registered in the system for future delivery. Key themes are as follows:
  - Pavilion Projects (New / Refurbishment / Extensions) – 64 projects
  - Non-Turf Practice nets – 31 projects
  - Fine Turf (Square / Outfield) – 21 projects

2020 will see a significant increase in capital investment into the county through a new ECB County Grants scheme and also funding will be available for large scale capital projects linked to the development of women's and girls' cricket.

In order to continue to facilitate both the dramatically extended projects roll out, as well as our supporting programmes, significant recruitment will be required in both the executive and volunteer teams. The FWG are actively recruiting additional team members who bring not just facility development skills, but specific knowledge of women & girls and junior cricket facility requirements.

## **NATWEST CRICKETFORCE**

Byfleet Cricket Club were the Foundation's main focus for NatWest CricketForce this year as the club became one of ECB's national showcase clubs over the weekend. The club had renovated their pavilion over the winter months and an army of volunteers from the club and Surrey descended on the club to carry out a range of tasks around the club to help prepare them for the coming season. The club were also joined by ECB CEO Tom Harrison, England and Surrey Star Jason Roy and Women's Director of Cricket Ebony Rainford-Brent as NatWest used the club as part of their national event activation on the day.

## **SPECIAL PROJECTS**

The SCF's special projects covers a variety of different areas. The special projects offer consists of programs and activities such as Women and Girl's Cricket, Disabilities Cricket, multi-cultural communities' cricket, Junior Coaching Courses and Player retention (especially 14+).

## **PRIDE OF LIONS JUNIOR COACHING COURSES**

In 2018, the Pride of Lions courses continued to grow as we looked to provide opportunities for children and young people across the county, to develop their skills and love for the game. Over

1700 children participated in programmes across the county and a number of children were identified from our 10-week courses to move into Performance based programmes. These children will be hoping to follow in the footsteps of players like Ollie Pope and Rory Burns over the coming years. Ollie and Rory became the first two Pride of Lions alumni to gain England recognition this year. Moving into 2019 we are expanding the programme further with a new venue in Reigate already confirmed.

## **WOMEN & GIRLS CRICKET**

Following on from a successful year in Surrey within our Women and Girls programme, we are pleased to report on some of the numbers from a very good season.

From U9's all the way to women's cricket, we've seen big increases in the number of women and girls picking up a bat and ball in 2019.

Looking forward to 2020, we are excited to continue our great work within this area to inspire many more women to choose cricket. We have already seen a huge increase on the number of women and girls signed up to our programmes next year, and we cannot wait to engage with these big numbers!

### WOMEN'S CRICKET

- We are delighted to announce the increase in sides taking part in the Surrey Slam from 13 teams in 2019 to 16 sides signed up in 2020.
- 7 Women's Softball Festivals took place in 2019
- 275 attended our Women's Softball Festivals
- In 2019 we had 1,430 participants in Women & Girl's cricket from 60 cricket clubs in Surrey.

Women & Girls Roll of Honour 2019 table below:

<b>Club Competitions - Outdoor</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Runner up</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Placed</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Placed</b>
Surrey Womens Cricket League – Division One	Reigate Priory	Shepperton	Twickenham	Spencer 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI
Surrey Womens Cricket League – Division Two	Streatham & Marlborough	Dulwich	Godalming	South Nutfield
Surrey Slam – Womens East	Reigate Priory (Lady Llamas)	Streatham & Marlborough (Hawks)	South Nutfield (Maverchicks)	Sutton (Scorchers)
Surrey Slam – Womens West	Twickenham (Tornadoes)	Shepperton (Sharks)	Walton on Thames (Walton Pens)	Ashford (Angels)
Surrey Slam – County Final	Streatham & Marlborough Hawks	Reigate Priory Lady Llamas	Shepperton Sharks (Joint 3 <sup>rd</sup> ) Twickenham Tornadoes (Joint 3 <sup>rd</sup> )	
U19 T20 Cup	Reigate Priory	Dulwich	Spencer	n/a
Girls U15 Hardball – Surrey	Reigate Priory	Malden Wanderers	East Molesey	Wimbledon
Girls U15 Hardball – Regional Final	Surrey (Reigate Priory)	Essex (Hutton CC)	Middlesex (Richmond CC)	N/A
Girls U14 Development Hardball – South Group	Pyrford	Reigate Priory	Cranleigh	Purley
Girls U14 Development Hardball – North Group	West End Esher	Spencer (U14s)	Wimbledon	Spencer (U13s)
Girls U14 Development Hardball – County Finals	Pyrford	West End Esher	Spencer	Reigate Priory
Girls U13 Smash IT League	Bagshot	Ashtead	Wimbledon (U13 A)	Wimbledon (U13 B)
Girls U11 Smash IT League – South Group	Bagshot	Reigate Priory (U11 A)	Cranleigh	Woking & Horsell
Girls U11 Smash IT League – North Group	Wimbledon	Dulwich	Esher	Sanderstead
Girls U11 Smash IT League – Finals Day	Bagshot	Reigate Priory	Esher	Wimbledon
<b>Club Competitions - INDOOR</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Runner up</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Placed</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Placed</b>
Womens' Pre-Xmas – Richard Challoner	Reigate Priory	Ashford	Twickenham	Shepperton
Womens' Pre-Xmas – Boxhill	South Nutfield	Outwood	Reigate Priory (U15s)	Westcott

Womens' Post-Xmas - Boxhill	South Nutfield	Sutton	Reigate Priory (U15s)	Godalming
U14 Pre-Xmas – Smash IT Indoors	Richmond (A)	Malden Wanderers	Richmond (B)	Rowledge
U14 Post-Xmas – Smash IT Indoors	West End Esher	Rowledge	n/a	n/a
U11 Pre-Xmas – Smash IT Indoors	Weybridge	Cranleigh	Reigate Priory	Richmond
U11 Post-Xmas – Smash IT Indoors	Weybridge	Richmond	Reigate Priory	Woking & Horsell

## **DISABILITY CRICKET**

### **LEARNING & PHYSICAL TEAM**

The hard ball squad won the South division of the ECB D40 League winning five of the six games played, losing only to Hampshire but later beat them in the second meeting. We then beat Shropshire in the semi-final to earn a place in the final against Essex, who we had previously beaten quite comprehensively. However, due to injury and two of our England players not available to play in the final, we had to field a weaker team and as such, we lost by 28 runs. Most noticeable is the positive attitude of the players and pride in their achievements this season. Three of the current Surrey players Jonny Gale, Tayler Young and Dan Levey were part of the England Learning Disability squad who toured Australia in October & November 2019.

### **VISUALLY IMPAIRED TEAM**

Since forming six years ago, the Surrey Visually Impaired side has gone from strength to strength and 2019 was another milestone as a second team was introduced. The first team moved into the Blind Cricket England & Wales National League with the 2<sup>nd</sup> team joining the South & West Regional League. With a squad of 28 players Surrey are now one of the largest counties in blind cricket, showcasing that cricket has no boundaries.

In terms of performance, the 1<sup>st</sup> team had a thrilling 10 wicket win against Yorkshire and nearly pulled off a dramatic win at home to Lancashire. The 2<sup>nd</sup> team won the League and for the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, reached the final of the T20 Cup.

There was also international recognition with Darren Paddick being selected for the England tour of India and Sri Lanka whilst Leanne Harvey received the BCEW Women's Player of the Year Award, making this is an incredible 5<sup>th</sup> year in a row that a Surrey player has won the Women's Player of the Year.

During the summer Surrey played their matches at Frimley Cricket Club, and next year look forward to helping that club celebrate their bicentenary.

### **LEARNING & PHYSICAL SUPER 9S TEAM**

The Surrey Feathers Super 9's development team is continuing to prove a solid starting base for our Disability players keen to expand on their cricketing pathway. This year several members of the squad joined in the winter training programme at Wallington & Downsend schools as part of a more joined up approach with the performance squad. The summer games had more of a focus on



Festival matches with Raynes Park, Merton acting as the host venue for the only home weekend action of the season. Four other counties; Gloucester, Sussex, Hampshire and Kent were all part of the action in quick fire 15-overs a side matches. Special thanks to the county boards, as well as great support from the players families and friends.

### DISABILITIES COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

The Lord's Taverners Super 1's programme continued with 7 regular hubs running across the south London boroughs. There will be a change in the year ahead though as 3 new hubs launch across Surrey within the areas of Reigate, Epsom and Surrey Heath. By launching these new hubs, this will offer more opportunities to players with a disability outside of London. Three of the current hubs; Merton, Lambeth and Southwark will cease to run daytime cricket sessions and players will be signposted to other local activity. The Kingston hub were the leading team to qualify for finals day, which will be held at Lords in October.

Another area of growth, supported by the Lord's Taverners, is Table Cricket. More than 15 disability schools, colleges and community groups were involved in taster sessions in an ever-growing area aimed at participants who would struggle to play mainstream cricket. The Kia Oval acted as a host for the Surrey competition held in February and with 9 schools involved, it was an action packed and fun filled event with Alfred Salter primary school, Southwark taking home the winners' trophy.

Outside of the Lord's Taverners programs, there has been continued disability activity around Guildford and Walton on Thames, with regular sessions being held throughout the year and summer offering the chance to run small festival activity afternoons as a way of promoting offerings in the local areas. Special thanks go to Guildford City CC and Walton on Thames CC for acting as host venues in their respective locations.

### DISABILITIES DAY

In 2019, SCF's Disability day saw another wonderful opportunity for over 850 participants, including support staff and teachers, to experience a series of cricket and sporting activities around the Kia Oval. There was cricket on the outfield supported by Googly Cricket, activity in the KBC with Cage cricket and Goalball, as well as the main area outside the pavilion being swamped with people wanting to try their hand at the Batfast simulator as well as the Cricket Factory skills zone.

Thanks as always goes to the volunteers on the day, which included the Oval Ambassadors who provided over 40 staff members and our disability funding partner First State Investments, who use this day as their big volunteer showcase event for their staff both in London and Scotland, again their support was fantastic with over 45 staff members attending on the day. There was also further support in the form of young leaders from Dunottar school and Lambeth colleges who both sent students down on the day to act as mentors and support staff. All these elements helped ensure there were as many roles filled as possible on the day to support all the different stations.