



BCB News

Information from the Bucks Cricket Board

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Welcome to the 2013 Season

We are already well into the new season as most leagues have started by the second week in May. All of us will be wishing that the summer's better than its 2012 counterpart though that year showed how quickly this country can switch from drought to floods.

Therefore it was no surprise that most of this year's small grant applications were for sheeting of one kind or another ... [more below](#). Unfortunately with climate change the reverse could happen just as easily and clubs need to think about how to cope with drought as well - once it arrives it's too late to do anything about it!

As well as reports about grant awards we've crammed in news about some ECB initiatives.

- [A club open day](#) would help boost your club in the local community (do let us know if you arrange one);
- **Some lucky club could get a new kitchen** by joining in [The Great Cricket Tea Challenge](#).
- [The NatWest OSCAs](#) are coming round again and it's a good time to nominate your hard-working volunteers to show that they are appreciated

Last - but by no means least - do please read '[Cricket - The Bucks Way](#)' and let us have your views - we think it's important for us all. .

John Bushby
email [click here](#)



ECB Small Grants 2013

In view of last season's weather it was no surprise that the favourite choice in this year's small grant applications was for sheeting for covering pitches.

There was a nice spread, geographically - including some small village clubs - and across a variety of small projects, with money for changing room renovation/ insulation and renewal of mesh sightscreen material as well.

The largest of the projects we financed was **Buckingham Town CC's** comprehensive scheme to renew their showers, hot water and heating systems, which received a £4,000 grant. This was a particularly 'green' project, and the investment is estimated to save BTCC over £1,000 per year in running costs.

Other sums awarded to utilise our £6,000 budget went to **North Crawley CC** (£500); **Ley Hill CC** (£356); **Marlow CC** (£267);

Frieth CC (£275); **Great Kingshill CC** (£239); and **Chalfont St Peter CC** (£363).

There was a shortfall in valid applications received by the mid-March deadline and all of these were approved and passed on to ECB. We later reminded qualifying clubs which hadn't applied and dealt with any further applications on a 'first-come first-served' basis.

A number of applications were for things which didn't qualify and it is clear that clubs need to **think ahead and**, in particular, **read the information and instructions carefully**. If you're in doubt we're very happy to help.

Clubs which don't have ClubMark and haven't registered with a view to gaining accreditation don't qualify. So - if you're in that category, have a junior section and would like to get into the frame next year - now's the time to [contact Clifton Simms](#) to get the ball rolling.

Bucks Sport Coach Bursaries

Bucks Sport has announced that its Coach Bursary has returned for another year, and with more funding to help pay for courses!

This is a great opportunity if you want to get into coaching or to develop your current coaching skills and qualifications. It's also ideal for any club looking to develop its workforce.

The Bucks Sport Coach Bursary targets coaches delivering sport across Bucks (including Milton Keynes) and will provide the opportunity to undertake a level 1, 2 or 3 coaching qualification with a financial bursary. This is made available to support those who successfully complete their course and deliver voluntary coaching hours in return.

This year has seen a small increase in funding. The bursary will

still look to fund 75% of the cost, but it will now be **up to £200** for a level 1, £250 for a level 2 and £300 for a level 3 coaching course. So, if you are looking to develop your qualifications to actively coach within Bucks this bursary is certainly for you!

The guidance notes and application form can be found on the Bucks Sport website:

If you are interested in applying for a bursary, or would like more information, we recommend getting in touch with [Clifton Simms](#) so we can talk you through it and give you the best possible chance of being awarded a bursary.

The contact at Bucks Sport is Ben Fisher, Bucks Sport Coaching Development Manager - bfisher@buckssport.org or phone 01296 585580.



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'Cricket - The Bucks Way'

BCB has been engaged over the last few months in developing a new way to define and show what we do and why we do it. **Cricket – The Bucks Way**, which appears on the next page, is the product of consultations between the Board, Bucks CCC, Bucks Sport, ECB and some of the key people in Bucks.

We set ourselves the task of setting out our vision for Bucks cricket, in a straightforward visual form. The result is intended to bring together and reflect the interests of all people and organisations involved with or interested in cricket in Bucks and to demonstrate how this is of benefit to the whole community.

We hope that clubs and other organisations delivering cricket in Bucks will feel able to adopt these same aspirations.

'CTBW' has been formally adopted by the Board, but it is also a working document and may change over time, so your comments on it are welcome. Indeed we'd like to get feedback from you because we want it to be something that everybody supports.

We think this approach will allow us to get away from measuring success in terms of numbers or ticking boxes. Instead much more importance will be attached to comparing the quality of what we do with the aims set out in the document.

Do take some time to read it and – if you can – please publicise it within your club etc. We'll try to publish reactions in future issues - please email any comments to Cliff Pocock

Lord's Taverners Non-Turf Pitch Scheme

The 2013 scheme which opened in early January closed at the end of March. In that time they made over 100 awards nationally.

Bucks managed to get applications in for a number of schemes which were successful:

- Chesham Grammar School (£3,000 - new match pitch)
- Wendover (£3,000 - refurbished match and practice pitches)
- Amersham (£3,000 - new practice nets) and

- Wooburn Narkovians (£1,000 for netting).

A lesson to learn is that clubs need to be ready to apply as soon as the scheme re-opens - on past form that's likely to be next January.

N.B. The Lord's Taverners scheme for providing junior kit is **not** affected and applications can still be made - download the form from the LTs' website, complete it and send to John Bushby.

ClubMark, Coaching, Bursaries etc



Clifton Simms - Bucks CB Cricket Development Officer - has details of schemes available to support coaches and volunteers which could help your club's development aspirations.

He is happy to act as a point of contact within BCB to support potential applications and enquiries. Although he has office space at Milton Keynes and Aylesbury Clifton travels all over the county and has a fund of knowledge about many of these subjects as well as a wealth of contacts.

email clifton.simms@bucksccb.org tel. 07791 197187

Groundsman's Corner



Now the season's in full swing our attention will be on preparing pitches and repairing them! BCB wants to re-establish the Groundsmen's Association and hopes to lay on some events later this year.

We need contact details for ALL club groundsmen so **please** add details to our website (club officials should log in and then go to 'Club Directory') **and** email Adrian Saunders to make absolutely sure we know how we can get in touch with you.

For Clubs in Chiltern District

Chiltern Community Grant 2013/14

Chiltern sports and youth clubs can apply for the Chiltern District Council's Community Grant scheme which is now open. The scheme offers funding of up to £2,000 to help support local voluntary groups, including sports clubs, to deliver services or activities that add value and also enhance the quality of life for Chiltern residents.

During the last round awards were made to a variety of organisations - Chesham CC was one of the clubs to benefit.

Applications must support one or a combination of the following key aims:

- Develop and improve local services and facilities
- Facilitate a thriving economy

- Improve community engagement particularly with disadvantaged and hard to reach groups
- Improve health and well-being
- Improve community safety and reduce the fear of crime
- Help create a greener and more sustainable environment

Clubs and Organisations can apply. Don't miss out and submit your application as soon as you can.

Full information about how to apply for the 2013/14 Chiltern District Council Community Grants Scheme can be found at www.chiltern.gov.uk/funding or contact the Community

Team on (01494) 732197 or email community@chiltern.gov.uk

Closing date for applications: 7 June 2013



Cricket – The Bucks Way

Our Overarching Vision

To make cricket the sport of choice in Bucks

People in Bucks benefit from improved health & wellbeing & stronger communities.

S1 Cricket creates an environment for personal development, improved social skills and lifelong learning.

S2 More people choose to become involved and remain in cricket throughout their life.

S3 More people develop their skills to maximise their contribution to cricket.

S4 Cricket has a vibrant and sustainable network accessible to everyone in Bucks.

Growth, Quality, Accessibility, Safety, Enjoyment

We work with our partners in cricket to achieve these outcomes

Pathways
Pathways to enable all our participants to achieve their full potential.

Participation
Opportunities for everybody to play and participate in Bucks cricket.

Competition
Promotion and provision of appropriate competitions at all levels.

Clubs
Support which leads, inspires and facilitates club cricket development.

Schools
A quality introduction to cricket for all Bucks school children.

Facilities
A network of high quality accessible match and practice facilities.

People
A professional and volunteer workforce to meet Bucks cricket's needs.

Good governance, strategic planning, financial management & communication

These are the services we deliver

Emerging Player Programme

Development Squads

Disability Cricket

Codes of Conduct

Coaching in schools

Bucks Association of Cricket Officials

County Age-group Cricket

Kwik Cricket

Club Affiliation Package

Coach Education

Safeguarding & Welfare

Coaches Association

Groundsmen's Association

Adult County Cricket

Support for Leagues

Club competitions

NatWest Cricket Force

Facilities Action Group

Volunteer Recruitment and Development

This is what we do



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BCB Colts Competitions Update

1. Dinton U15 have withdrawn from the league and cup competitions, Chesham U10C have withdrawn from the league.
2. Please could all managers keep an eye on the U11, U13 and U15 cup progress so that they can arrange their next round matches in good time to meet the deadlines.

On the BCB website navigate to **Club Competitions** → **Age Group** → **Cup**

3. For any queries or assistance with this please [email Richard Burden](mailto:richard.burden@buckscc.org) at BCB.

Rich Hudson's Performance Cricket Review

2013 has been, and continues to be, a transitional year for Performance Cricket in the county. Following my appointment we re-established the Emerging Players Programme (and associated skill set sessions), a new structure of Development Squads, smaller County training squads and Summer Training sessions. Lessons learned through this process, and through the feedback received from Parent/Player surveys, will inform the future action we take to ensure Buckinghamshire's young cricketers have the best system possible within which to reach their potential.

Currently we are reviewing all the systems BCB has in place to develop our cricketers, and I will be outlining the ways in which we will be able to build on these changes shortly. This includes the structure of our squad system, particularly Development Squads, the Emerging Players Programme for the highest performing boys and girls, Coach Development, the Nominations and Trials process, the opportunity for one to one coaching, Holiday Coaching Programmes and Sponsorship to help us deliver it all.

The aim is to design and deliver a Player Pathway that provides the best opportunities and learning environment for all players involved, as well as being clear and transparent. Information on all of these areas will be published over the coming weeks, so make sure you check future editions of the newsletter and look for news on the BCB website.

I wish all the players and coaches representing Buckinghamshire Cricket the best success for the coming months. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact me by email or stop me at one of the matches or training sessions I will be attending throughout the summer.

Rich Hudson

Head Coach [email Rich Hudson](mailto:richard.hudson@buckscc.org)

Bucks Cup 2013

The opening matches of the Senior Cup managed to escape the sort of weather we saw at this time last year and we now know that the semi finals on 8 September will feature:

Burnham v Beaconsfield
High Wycombe v Amersham

If space permits we'll include news of the Junior Cup in our next edition

Andy Ward Joins BCB Coaching Staff

BCB is pleased to welcome Andy Ward to a new role as Performance and Cricket Development coach. During the last 18 months Andy has assisted with the winter development of the 2012 under 16/17 squad and took on both squads for the 2012 summer season. During that summer the under-17 squad made it to the semi-final of the ECB one day competition- something not achieved for many years - while the under-16 side recorded its first ever festival win for a Bucks on their tour to Jersey and became the first ever minor county board side to win the festival, including a victory against Hampshire



Andy, who played for 15 years at Leighton Buzzard CC, represented Bedfordshire at age group level as an aggressive top order batsman and wicket keeper. He now plays club cricket in the North of the county for Great Brickhill CC and migrated over 70 children into the club through the Chance to Shine programme during the first two years. This summer he will be delivering 'C2S' on behalf of the county board and hopes to have similar success for his cluster of local schools and clubs.

Andy sees his appointment with BCB as a big step for his aspirations to continue with his coaching development and he is strongly committed to improving and developing players for Bucks.

Bucks CB - Contacts

Recently we were asked whether we should include a list of phone numbers in this newsletter.

Generally we don't publish numbers for Board members or BCB staff - this is a matter of policy rather than an attempt to stay hidden. Similarly we tend to keep email addresses out of plain view although the newsletter contains hyperlinks which enable you to make contact in that way.

If you do need to contact one of us you can always email support@buckscc.org and Richard Burden will ensure that it reaches the right person.

BCB Board

- **Chairman:** Cliff Pocock
- **Secretary:** Martin Watts
- **CEO / Finance Director:** Stuart Beck
- **Youth Cricket:** Mark Fenton
- **Facilities & Funding:** John Bushby

Other BCB People

- **Head Coach:** Richard Hudson
- **Performance Coach:** Andy Ward
- **Women's Coach:** Sam Moss
- **Development Officer:** Clifton Simms
- **Admin / Support:** Richard Burden

Contact us by email: support@buckscc.org



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NatWest OSCAs 2013

NatWest OSCAs aim to reward the contribution that volunteers make to the game.

Last year Bucks volunteers featured strongly and we want to repeat that success this year.

Nominations are welcome for volunteers from Higher and Further Education, Community Programmes, Workplaces etc as well as clubs, leagues, and boards.



[Full details](#) and a [nomination form](#) are on the [BCB website](#) now. The 7 categories are:

- [i] Behind the Scenes
- [ii] Building Partnerships
- [iii] Leagues and Boards
- [iv] Lifetime Achiever
- [v] NatWest CricketForce
- [vi] Officiating – Umpires and Scorers
- [vii] Young Volunteer

Please send in nominations **by 15 June** so that we can choose who will represent Bucks this year. They should be sent to Stuart Beck at BCB either by post or [email](#).

BYCT - Can You Help?

Bucks Youth Cricket Trust is an important source of charitable funding to individuals and to the Board's junior programmes.

For more details, go to its website at www.byct.org.uk.

BYCT has a vacancy for a Trustee willing to spare a little time to support youth cricket in the county. It is a rewarding role and no previous experience of trustee work is necessary.

If interested please [contact Cliff Pocock](#) for more details.



The Great Cricket Tea Challenge.

Did you join ECB's **Great Cricket Tea Challenge** to find the country's best cricket club tea? This is run in partnership with Channel 5 (as part of the Test Match Highlights show).

ECB will be producing a series of two minute TV episodes featuring selected teams battling it out **in The Long Room at Lord's** with their cakes, sandwiches and of course their teas,

Unfortunately the closing date came round before we went to press but if you did enter please let us know and say how you got on.



GET YOUR CLUB INVOLVED IN THE ASHES



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CREATE A BUZZ IN YOUR CLUB WITH AN INVESTEC ASHES OPEN DAY

With summer fast approaching, why not invite your local community into your club to watch an Ashes Test match and soak up the atmosphere? What's more, if you run an open day ECB have a great Ashes offer from Sky if you currently don't have Sky Sports, and another from the ECB if you already have Sky Sports in your club

WHY RUN A CLUB OPEN DAY?

- Make sure your club benefits from the Ashes as part of a national campaign
- Position your club at the heart of the local community by inviting them in to watch
- Showcase your club to potential new members, volunteers and sponsors
- Generate revenue through your bar and catering facilities
- ECB will provide you with an online toolkit and resources to help you promote your day/s



GET INVOLVED

Sign your club up now or find out more about Club Open Days

ecb.co.uk/clubopendays

Michael Vaughan will be judging the teas, along with two members of staff from Yorkshire Tea. **The chosen winner will be rewarded with a brand new kitchen for their club**, as well as the bragging rights of having the best cricket tea in the land!

More details on the website: www.cricketteachallenge.com/