



BUCKS CRICKET News

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Charlotte Edwards - England's cricket captain went to Little Chalfont primary school. [See page 3](#)

ECB Small Grant Scheme 2016

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With funding from the **Small Grant Scheme**

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The EWCT Small Grant Scheme 2016 Supported by Waitrose aims to create a sustainable future for affiliated Cricket Clubs. The scheme will support Clubs to make small changes to improve their long term sustainability and /or to increase the number of games played. Maximum is £4,000 & Partnership funding minimum is now reduced to 10%
The scheme aims to make an impact in the 2016 season; therefore, the scheme has a quick turnaround time to ensure Clubs get the maximum benefit from the funding.

Closing date for applications Friday 22nd January 2016.

How To Apply

Applications to be sent to us electronically please - for more information, guidance notes and application form please go to the Bucks CB website [EWCT Small Grants Scheme](#) or contact [Clifton Simms](#) / 07791 197187

Bucks Cricket News targets the cricketing network of Buckinghamshire - youth and adult players, parents, clubs, schools, community groups, organisations and agencies and to encourage them to join with us in developing better cricket opportunities for all to access.

Published monthly, we welcome suggestions for future content, improvements and feedback, please contact us at support@bucksclub.org

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COACH EDUCATION PROGRAMME CLUB COACHES & YOUTH CRICKET VOLUNTEERS

Following the success of our joint programme in 2015, Buckinghamshire, Berkshire & Oxfordshire will again be running a combined Coach Education Programme in 2016.

Courses will be held across the three counties on a variety of days, allowing you to choose a course that suits you. The following courses will be running in 2016. Please go to the below link for more information and to sign up for a course;

- Coach Support Worker
- Certificate in Coaching Children Cricket
- Certificate in Coaching Young People & Adults Cricket
- Club Welfare Officer / NSPCC "SafeHands for Cricket"
- St John Ambulance First Aid for Sport

More details at [Berk Bucks & Oxon Coach Education 2016](#).



NATWEST CRICKETFORCE

NatWest CricketForce is a nationwide initiative aimed at cricket clubs. The programme is designed to bring club members and their local community closer together, and ensure they're ready for the new season.

In previous years, club projects have included painting, sight screen scrubbing, renewed boundary fencing, brand new changing rooms, function rooms, and even a new pavilion.

NatWest CricketForce 2016 will take place on the weekend of 1st - 3rd April 2016.

We encourage clubs to be bold and approach new people and businesses in their local area for support. Whether that is in the form of equipment, materials, expertise or simply volunteer hours, every bit of support will help.

This is your opportunity to help your club attract new members, get ready for the upcoming season and engage the local community to ensure a sustainable future.

[Click here to register today for NatWest CricketForce](#)



Umpires & Officials

Bucks / ECB Association of Cricket Officials {ACO} are hosting the following courses for the Level 1 Umpiring qualification;

Tuesday's

12/Jan - 22/March Gt Brickhill CC
7.30pm - 9.30pm

Thursday's

14/Jan - 24/March Penn & Tylers Green CC 7.30pm - 9.30pm

For more details please contact [Alan English](#) / 01494 443464



News in brief...

Cricket club break-ins; reminder for all clubs to be extra vigilant and security aware, break-ins reported at several clubs across the county.

ECB ClubMark update; programme temporality suspended as currently under review in consultation with Sport England. More updates to follow...

Bucks Coaches Association; the ECB CA is a place to turn to for advice and support, as well as interaction with like-minded coaches. Contact [Colin Kightley](#) / 07895 063080 to register today

Club Officers 2016; can all clubs ensure their respective Club Officers table is updated with full contact details on the club information page of the website.

Groundsman Support; Over 40 club groundsman attended seminars held 28/29 Nov, hosted by the IOG and County Board. More information to follow on development of BBO Groundsman Assoc.

NEW SAFETY MEASURES FOR HELMETS

The ECB recently endorsed changes to the regulations governing the use of helmets across the professional and recreational game. From next season, the ECB is recommending that all recreational cricketers wear helmets which meet the latest British safety standard. The use of protective headgear is already mandatory for all Under 18s within the recreational game. Full details and amended regulations will be published in the New Year.

www.ecb.co.uk/news/articles/ecb-announces-new-helmet-safety-measures



Winners!



Great energy from the U11 girls building core strength with bowling #miniswans

BUCKS PLAYER PATHWAY UPDATE

Our player pathway squads are well underway with their winter training. The first phase sees us working with more players for longer, particularly at the younger age groups where there are 50 players split across 3 groups. At the end of January, player numbers will go down to 30-36 at each age, with two squads (County & Development – and sometimes a mix) training and playing fixtures and festivals during the summer. Well done to everyone for your continued hard work.

Whilst the focus of our player pathway is on the long-term development of players ([see our charter at Bucks CB Player Pathway Charter](#)), it is worthwhile noting the achievements of a couple of the Bucks County Age representative teams, that recorded particularly notable achievements in 2015:

- Boys U17s won the U17 ECB (One-Day) Cup for the B-Division
- Girls U13s finished joint top of their ECB Cup group, Warwickshire - winners on net run rate

The Emerging Players Programme {EPP} for high performing players (U13/14+) is about to break for Christmas after 5 initial sessions for the Boys, Girls & North Bucks groups, and a session for wicket-keepers. The programme re-commences in 2016 for the January-March phase - information and invitations will be distributed via the BCB website.

- Adam King (15 yrs, Buckingham Town CC) and Brandon Allen (16 yrs, High Wycombe CC) have signed First-Class Academy contracts with Northants and Gloucestershire respectively, but will still play for Bucks U17s in 2016
- Many other pathway players are currently training with the First-Class counties we work in partnership with to support the Pathway programmes, alongside their Bucks commitments.

For more information please contact Richard Richard.hudson@buckscc.org
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Dates for your diary...

ECB / Waitrose Small Grant Scheme Friday 22nd January 2016 – closing date for applications

BCB Club Affiliation annual fees now due for 2016 please go to; BucksCB/myClub to make prompt payment

Coaches Conference & Training Day Sunday 14th February 11:00-13:00 The Cottesloe School, Wing

Bucks Cricket Board AGM Wednesday 9th March, 7.30-9.30pm Stoke Mandeville Stadium

BCB Youth Cricket Fixtures Meeting Thursday 25th February 7.30pm Aylesbury Rugby Club

NatWest CricketForce 2016 weekend of 1st – 3rd April signup now [NWCF 2016 Registration](#)



NATWEST CLUBS U19 T20

2015 saw the national launch of the NatWest U19 Club T20 – an initiative designed for young players to keep them, and their friends, enjoying cricket. With over 450 clubs taking part, wearing coloured kit, playing music and smashing a pink ball around, the impact was huge. So if your club would benefit from more players and more volunteers by being a part of the NatWest U19 Club T20 competition in 2016 than express your clubs interest today by [clicking here](#) or contact [Clifton Simms](#) / 07791 197187.



CRICKET FOR SCHOOLS – CHANCE TO SHINE

Working in Partnership with [Chance to Shine](#), once again Bucks Cricket Board are offering introductory cricket delivery to Primary and Secondary school children throughout the county. Our offer will include curriculum and extra-curriculum delivery and also the opportunity for all schools to take part in our organised competitions, to include;

- Kwik cricket – for boys and girls in Years 5 and 6
- Girls Lady Taverner’s Indoor festivals for Girls in Years 7/8 and 9/10
- Boys Indoor festivals for Boys in Years 7/8 and 9/10

We are striving to provide more support to children and schools to choose cricket, by offering additional entry channels and exit routes, through working with our affiliated clubs and also offering an enhanced range of Community Projects... further details in our next edition.

To find out more about any of our programmes or to simply register your schools interest, follow the links below;

Primary Schools - [Bucks CB Primary Cricket EOI](#)

Secondary Schools - [Bucks CB Secondary Cricket EOI](#)

Closing date for Expressions of Interest 15th January 2016. or contact our Schools Delivery Coordinator Andy Ward via email andy.ward@bucksclub.org

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BUCKINGHAMSHIRE YOUTH CRICKET TRUST - BYCT

Bucks Youth Cricket Trust {BYCT} is a big supporter of Buckinghamshire Cricket Board. Over the past 5 years, BYCT has raised and distributed over £30k in support of the local cricket network, from grassroots children’s activity and club development, through to supporting individual gifted & talented player’s to access greater opportunities. As a registered charity, BYCT offers financial assistance through direct support to individuals, families, clubs, schools and community groups.

From January 2016, BYCT in partnership with the Cricket Board, will launch a new initiative, giving all adults the opportunity to make a voluntary donation when booking a course, training or coaching sessions. The ability of the BYCT to continue to support cricket in Bucks, is entirely dependent on the generosity of individuals, businesses and other charitable funding agencies. To make your donation, become a fundraiser or apply for support, please visit www.byct.org.uk

For more information contact Stuart Beck {Stuart.beck@bucksclub.org / 07780 007754}

