



SUSSEX CRICKET BOARD

# Sussex Cricket Board Newsletter October 2007

## NatWest CricketForce

**Following the success of NatWest CricketForce this year, it is now time to start thinking about and planning next year's event taking place on 4th, 5th & 6th April!!**

43 clubs took part in CricketForce 2007, the highest ever in Sussex. Many of those clubs reported a very high number of volunteers and also of building materials and equipment either being donated or given at reduced cost by local companies. These incredible efforts contributed to an estimated 80,000 volunteers taking part across England & Wales and an estimated £30 - £35 million investment in cash and kind in to Club Cricket.

Sussex Cricket put their weight firmly behind the event with fourteen of the professional playing staff as well as the Club's staff and Committee visiting over 20 clubs during the weekend and joining in the work.

This year the ECB will be producing a NWCF newsletter every month with de-



tails of Official Supporters and their offers, previous club case studies, vital materials, and general information. You will be able to view these on the ECB website. This event is not only a chance to build on the success of recent years but also to focus on green issues in cricket.

Taking part in this massive national event could help you to increase your volunteers, raise funds and upgrade your facilities. To register your club for NatWest CricketForce 2008 log on to [www.ecb.co.uk/ecb/cricketforce](http://www.ecb.co.uk/ecb/cricketforce)

Again this year all clubs who take part will receive 50 complimentary match tickets and some clubs will again be supported by SCCC players and staff, with the Liverpool Victoria County Championship 2007 Trophy in tow!

## 31st August - Volunteer Rewards & NatWest CricketForce Awards

The Pro40 match vs Northants at the County Ground, on 31st August, proved to be a celebration of recreational cricket with over 2,000 tickets having been given to local clubs who took part in NatWest CricketForce 2007.

In addition, those who were nominated for a NatWest OSCA (Outstanding Service to Cricket Awards) were also invited, to show our appreciation for their fantastic efforts put into grass roots cricket in Sussex.

During the interval a presentation took place with ECB's Frank Kemp (Head of Operations for Non First Class Cricket)

and Sussex CCC's Chief Executive, Gus Mackay where the following clubs were presented with trophies as runners-up for the NatWest CricketForce Sussex Club of the Year Award:

Billingshurst CC      Battle CC  
Eastbourne CC      Preston Nomads CC

Congratulations to the overall winner, Worthing CC, who were presented with a new scoreboard by David Neale from Daktronics.

Photos of the presentations can be found on the back page of this newsletter!

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# Coach Education Update inc. New Dates for Safeguarding & Protecting Children & First Aid

Details of the 2007-08 Coach Education Programme were released in July and the subsequent response has been very positive, with all 3 UKCC Level 2 courses now full with waiting lists.

There are still places available on the remaining UKCC Level 1 courses and also on all Introductory Courses. Please note that from 1st January 2008 the Introductory Course is no longer an ECB course. However, this course will still run and the content delivered will be based on the same syllabus, by ECB qualified tutors. We are not able to give you the ECB resources on the course and you will not get an ECB Attendance certificate. We will, however, be producing a Sussex Cricket Board attendance certificate for you. If you would like more information regarding this or would like to discuss it, please contact Andy Hobbs on 01273 827104 .



EXCELLENCE IN SPORTS COACHING

Running along side these at different venues around Sussex are Safeguarding & Protecting Children (previously named Good Practice & Child Protection) and First Aid courses. There are additional spaces available on these if you need to attend.

Finally, a 'Time 2 Listen' course is being run in Chichester on 7th February 2008. This course is for Club Welfare Officers with current certification in child protection training, and is a requirement for Clubmark accreditation.

If you would like to book your place on any of these courses please visit [www.sussexcb.play-cricket.com](http://www.sussexcb.play-cricket.com) for further details and to download an application form.

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## Development Plans and Clubmark

Over the summer months the number of clubs in Sussex who have achieved Clubmark Accreditation grew from 15 to 23. The 8 new accredited clubs to whom congratulations are due are: West Chiltington and Thakenham, Worthing Chippingdale, East Grinstead, Middleton, Chichester, Cuckfield, Goring and Ifield. In addition, Ansty, Preston Nomads and Chiddingly have successfully completed their reaccreditation as they have been accredited for more than 3 years.

In addition, the number of clubs who have an approved ECB Development Plan rose from 5 to 17 over the summer months. These 17 clubs will now receive support from the Sussex Cricket Board to deliver the targets set in the plans. The clubs who have achieved this over the summer are Middleton, Cuckfield, Ifield, Littlehampton, Chichester, Horsham Trinity, St James, Bexhill, Glynde and Beddingham, Seaford, Preston Nomads and Chiddingly. These clubs have put a great deal of time and effort into producing their high quality plans and are to be congratulated on getting ECB approval for them.

In recognition of the work Middleton CC have done they have now become the 38th SCB / ECB Focus Club.

## Women & Girls

During January and February 2008, the Lady Taverners under 13 and 15 competition will be held between schools. This is national competition played locally, and the winners of each age group will go through to the regional final in March. If this school is then successful in winning the regional tournament they will go through to the national final..

Like last year, we are hoping to have a large number of schools involved, and this is a great way of getting girls to progress to playing for local clubs.

Dates of the tournaments will be out shortly.

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## “Building Partnerships in Sussex Cricket” Initiative

The consultation period for the “Building Partnership in Sussex Cricket” Consultation Document has now come to an end.

500 copies of the document were distributed to all clubs and organisations that are affiliated to the Sussex Cricket Board and the document was posted on [www.sussexcricket.co.uk](http://www.sussexcricket.co.uk).

There were 35 formal responses from clubs, organisations, local authorities and individuals and presentations were made to the Sussex Women’s Cricket Association and the Mid Sussex Cricket League AGM.

The Building Partnerships Working Group is most grateful to all those who submitted comments, which

have been very helpful in adding other important issues to be considered in this vital initiative.

Almost all the responses are supportive of all the recommendations. Having considered these, the Working Group has prepared a report for discussion by the Sussex Cricket Board and also by the SCCC Committee. The major part of that report is a proposed **Plan of Action**.

This is based on the 10 recommendations/2 options that were made in the Consultation Document, which have been combined into 9 separate courses of action. Further information will be given about these, following consideration by the two bodies.

The Working Group will be com-

ration of a draft “**Strategy for Sussex Cricket**” document, for presentation to the proposed new *Sussex Cricket Board of Control* in March/April 2008.

Such a Strategy has been described by the ECB as “*the cornerstone of a co-ordinated and objective planning process, which would be supported by best practice management and innovation*” and which would ensure “*clearly defined roles and responsibilities amongst stakeholders*”.

The Strategy will obviously embrace the recommendations set out in the *Plan of Action*, but will also include a whole range of other goals, objectives and action points, in respect of all aspects of cricket in the county.

*David Bowden, Chairman,  
Building Partnerships Working Group*

## Funding

### Grant Aid Funding Booklet

The ECB have put together a Grant Aid funding booklet which can be downloaded from [www.ecb.co.uk/ecb/development/sources-of-grant-aid-and-funding-for-cricket-clubs,77,BP.html](http://www.ecb.co.uk/ecb/development/sources-of-grant-aid-and-funding-for-cricket-clubs,77,BP.html) The booklet provides a good overview of all sources of funding and grant aid available to clubs and is well worth a read.

### England and Wales Cricket Trust - Interest Free Loan Scheme

The England and Wales Cricket Trust welcomes eligible ECB affiliated cricket clubs with Junior sections to consider an interest-free loan to assist in the development of facilities on their ground.

Whether it is a sightscreen or a changing room, the England and Wales Cricket Trust will allocate interest-free loans to clubs that meet set criteria up to £50,000 with a repayment period of up to ten years. Clubs with as little as 25 per cent partnership funding can apply (repayments quarterly throughout the term of the loan).

The scheme is open to any ECB affiliated cricket club with a junior section. There is no application form for the loans, but clubs must submit a development plan in an approved format. In fact all funding from ECB uses this same method – so once your development plan is approved there won’t be endless form filling!

More information on the development plans can be found on [www.ecb.co.uk/clubdevelopmentplanning](http://www.ecb.co.uk/clubdevelopmentplanning) (this is an online tool to help



### Sportsmatch

Please note that Sportsmatch have recently announced that they are unable to provide any more grants until April 2008 at least, due to a government review of the scheme. More information is available on [www.sportsmatch.co.uk](http://www.sportsmatch.co.uk)

# Cricket Telecom U10 Cup



The competition, now in its second year, began with four regional play-offs throughout Sussex with a total of 40 clubs entering and over 400 Under 10's taking part. The Finals Day was contested by the following 8 Teams who had all finished in the top two of the regional competitions that were held throughout the summer.

- Brighton & Hove CC (8<sup>th</sup>)
- Seaford CC (7<sup>th</sup>)
- Fletching CC (6<sup>th</sup>)
- Edenbridge CC (5<sup>th</sup>)
- Hastings & St Leonard's Priory CC (4<sup>th</sup>)
- Felpham Colts CC (3<sup>rd</sup>)
- Eastbourne CC (2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Cuckfield CC (1<sup>st</sup>)

A rare sunny day of this summer, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of September, saw the Finals day be played at The County Ground, Hove. The round robin competition saw some high quality cricket produced in the middle. This was acknowledged by the 200 people attending, made up of Coaches, Scorers, Club Officials, parents and Supporters.

In the two semi-finals the two group winners, Hastings and St Leonard's Priory CC and Felpham Colts CC, were knocked out by group runners up Cuckfield CC and Eastbourne CC, meaning the latter played off in the Final. Cuckfield batted first and after losing a couple of early wickets.

consolidated very well to post a very competitive total of 247. In reply, Eastbourne worked away towards their target but lost some late wickets when needing some boundaries late in the innings.

Pictured below: winners Cuckfield CC.



## Youth Results 2007

### South Area League

U8/9	Tied Preston Nomads & Lewes Priory	U13	Preston Nomads
U10	Preston Nomads	U14	Ansty
U11	Brighton & Hove	U16	Brighton & Hove
U12	Preston Nomads		

### Identilam League

U9	Roffey
U10	Cuckfield
U12	East Grinstead
U14	Ansty
U16	Three Bridges

### Weldca League

U10	Hastings		
U12	Crowhurst Park (EAST), Hellingly (CENTRAL), Hastings (WEST)		
U13	Eastbourne (EAST), Newhaven (WEST)		
U14	Eastbourne (EAST), Hellingly (CENTRAL), Chiddingly (WEST)		
U16	Bexhill (EAST), Chiddingly (CENTRAL), Seaford (WEST)		
GIRLS: U13	Bells Yew Green	U15	Brighton & Hove

### West Area League

U9	Felpham		
U10	Felpham		
U11 Bowl	Felpham	U11 Shield	Worthing
U12 Bowl	Chichester	U12 Shield	Littlehampton
U13 Bowl	Midhurst	U13 Shield	Arundel
U14 Bowl	East Preston		
U15	Bognor		
U16 Bowl	Bognor	U16 Shield	Littlehampton

### Area Festival

U10/11 = EAST

U12/13 = Joint EAST & WEST

## Sussex Association of Cricket Groundsmen

The Sussex Association of Cricket Groundsmen was re-launched in March of this year at an interesting meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> March. The constitution was changed slightly because funding for the ECB/Channel 4 trailer had finished. Membership is now by annual fee of £50; this entitles the club groundsman to attend meetings, where there will be speakers on relevant subjects, access to training courses, consultancy from myself and my staff at Sussex CCC and free use of the trailer of machinery.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 7:30pm in the Jim Parks bar at Sussex CCC at Hove, with Ian Norman giving a presentation on 'fairy rings in sports-turf'. There are also some trips out via the Institute of Groundsmanship (IOG) that will be discussed on the night.

I look forward to seeing you on the 20<sup>th</sup> November.

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SUSSEX ASSOCIATION OF  
CRICKET GROUNDSMEN

## Chance to Shine

**The Chance to Shine initiative in Sussex began in 2006 and is having a huge impact on participation.**

The programme sees Focus Clubs receive funding from the Cricket Foundation to set up and deliver 300 hours coaching in around 6 local state schools, utilising local coaches. The aim is to regenerate cricket in state schools through coaching and competition.

In 2006, 4 Sussex Clubs were selected to be involved in the pro-

gramme (East Grinstead, Chichester, Hastings and St James). In 2007 they were joined by Steyning, Bells Yew Green and a project involving the clubs in the Horsham Area. Clubs who become involved do so for a minimum of 5 years.

For 2008, these clubs will be joined by Burgess Hill, Chiddingfold and a collaborative project involving Three Bridges, Crawley and Ifield. The Sussex Cricket Board are also delivering a Girls only and Disability project.



The initiative is providing a much needed boost in state school cricket and thanks must be given to all of the clubs involved as delivering the projects relies heavily on the organisational skills of the club volunteers.

## Sussex Cricket Handbook & Directory

This year saw, for the first time ever, the amalgamation of the Sussex Cricket Board Handbook and the Sussex County Cricket Club Handbook. In addition, a separate Directory was also produced with details of all affiliated clubs and organisations.

We would like to apologise for the delay in this publication and hope that this is made up for by the quality of the new joint handbook.

The 2008 Sussex Cricket Handbook will be available much earlier in the year.

## Asda Kwik Cricket Tournaments 2007

2007 again saw a huge primary school kwik cricket competition programme organised by Sussex Cricket. A total of nearly 300 schools took part and for the second year out of three, a Sussex school was crowned national champions of the Asda year 6 Kwik Cricket competition. This is a competition in which 12,000 schools take part.

This year saw a change in the structure of the Sussex School competition programme. The ECB have changed the national sponsor of Kwik Cricket to Asda, which meant that after many years supporting the East Sussex Year 6 Kwik Cricket competition, the Davies and Tate sponsorship ended.

In addition, the establishment of the 9 School Sports Partnerships across the county allowed Sussex Cricket to work in full partnership with this network for the first time. Working in partnership with these organisations increases the capacity to accommodate more schools in this programme.

Competitions were held at 3 levels, year 6 mixed, year 6 girls and year 5 mixed. There were a number of stages to each of the competitions in each School Sport Partnership. Where possible, local cluster festivals were held by the Partnerships with the top 2 schools progressing to the Partnership Finals, organised by Sussex Cricket. Where this wasn't possible all schools went straight into the partnership finals. In either case the winning schools progressed to the county final.

### Asda Year 6 Mixed Kwik Cricket:

A total of 185 teams (1850 children) took part in this long running competition (previously known as Davies and Tate in East Sussex).

11 partnership finals took place across Sussex, from which a total of 16 teams progressed to the County Final, held at Sussex County Cricket Club, Hove.

There was some excellent cricket played through all the rounds and at the county final, with many games very close.

The final saw Downview, from Bognor Regis and national champions in 2005, play last year's winners Harlands, from Cuckfield, in a tense match that kept the crowd guessing to the end. Downview took some crucial wickets with some good bowling to help them become Asda Kwik Cricket County Champions.

Both Downview and Harlands made it through to the regional final held a week later at East Grinstead CC. This time Harlands were the winners and reached the national final. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row that a Sussex School has won the regional Kwik Cricket Finals.

Harlands represented Sussex against other regional winners from around the country in the national final at Headingley Carnegie. An outstanding performance by the ever successful team saw them crowned as the national champions of the Asda Kwik Cricket Competition. Huge congratulations are due to Harlands for winning this competition, in which around 12,000 schools take part. Their success makes it 2 years out of 3 that a Sussex school has won this competition, a major achievement with so many schools taking part.

Well done to Harlands and Downview (pictured right) and all the teams that took part this year.

#### County Final Placing:

Downview  
Harlands  
Summerlea  
Grovelands  
Loxwood  
Greenway  
West Hove  
Little Ridge  
Patcham Juniors  
Tollgate  
Copthorne Junior  
Silverdale  
Herne  
Holy Cross



# Asda Kwik Cricket Tournaments 2007

## Year 6 Girls' Asda Kwik Cricket:

It was the fourth year of this tournament and the number of teams continues to grow each year, with 43 teams involved in 2007.

Many of the games were unfortunately hit by the bad weather and had to be re-arranged, including the County Final. Unfortunately this meant that who had qualified for the final were unable to make the re-arranged final due to other commitments.

The County final was held at the SCCC Youth Academy Ground at Blackstone with the final being a re-match between last year's finalists, Summerlea and Silverdale. The game was full of excitement and some fantastic cricket and was one of the closest matches played as the winners won by one run.

Summerlea, last years winners, managed to make it two in a row with an unbeaten run. Lets see if they can make it three in a row next year!

### Year 6 Girls' Partnership Winners:

Brighton & Hove  
Hastings & Rye  
Mid Sussex  
Angmering  
Horsham  
Hailsham  
Chichester  
Beacon

Woodingdean & Queens Park  
Silverdale & Sacred Heart  
Birchwood Grove  
Summerlea  
Southwater  
Grovelands  
Parklands  
Stonegate & Punnetts Town

### Year 6 Girls' Final Placing:

Summerlea  
Silverdale  
Southwater  
Harlands  
Ocklynge  
Woodingdean  
Queens Park  
Birchwood Grove  
Sacred Heart

## Asda Year 5 Mixed Kwik Cricket:

Four School Sport Partnerships ran the year 5 mixed Kwik Cricket Competition in 2007 with a total of 51 teams taking part. This competition sees schools play with a team of four boys and four girls.

The final was a great day at the SCCC Youth Academy Ground at Blackstone, not only was there some sunshine at long last but there was some great cricket played and the spirit in which the game was played was fantastic.

7 teams took part in the final and the eventual winners were Stonegate who beat Parklands in yet another close and exciting final.

**Year 5 Mixed Final Placing:** Stonegate, Parklands, West Hove, Wadhurst, Sacred Heart, Balfour, Pebsham



## Sussex Community Cricket Coach Posts Secured

Sussex Cricket Board has employed 5 Community Cricket coaches on 18 hours per week since April 2005. Four of the posts are geographically spread across Sussex, with the addition of a specific Women and Girls post.

The impact of these posts has been tremendous. The coaches have coached over 30,000 children between them in 2 ½ years as well as adding considerably to the quality of coaching that takes place at School, Club and Area level.

50% of the funding for this scheme came from the Sport England Community Sports Coach scheme, which was for 3 years from April 2005. With no decision as to the continuation of this scheme past this date, Sussex Cricket Board was facing the prospect of not being able to continue with the posts.

However their future has been secured, and in fact enhanced, thanks to support from the Spence Cricket Foundation (SCCF). The Foundation offered the Sussex Cricket Board £100,000 over 3 years from 2008, if the Cricket Board was able to secure match funding from the National Sports Foundation. The SCCF funding is to come from the £300,000 pledged to recreational cricket in Sussex in 2008, 2009 and 2010.

The Cricket Board's application to the National Sports Foundation was successful which has enabled the Cricket Board to increase the Community Coach Posts from 18 to 30 hours per week from April 2008.

## Club News:

### Buxted Park CC - Colin Annis' 1,000th Cricket Match

Colin Annis, who joined Buxted Park in 1971, played his 1000<sup>th</sup> game for the club on 1<sup>st</sup> August in a match against Heathfield Park. And this despite having a heart attack during a game earlier this season! He was back playing within 6 weeks and since he started has scored over 18,000 runs, including 8 centuries, and taken more than 1500 wickets.

Colin Annis, pictured right, at the party the club held for him.



## More Sussex Youngsters Signed

Sussex CCC have announced the signing of two new Sussex Players, Will Beer and Ben Brown, who have come through the Sussex Junior System. They join 11 other Sussex bred players; Chris Nash, Andrew Hodd, Michael Thornley, Mike Yardy, Tom Smith, Jason Lewry, James Kirtley, Matt Prior, Robin Martin-Jenkins, Carl Hopkinson and Ollie Rayner, meaning 13 of the 19 squad members are home grown talent.

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## Feedback - we want to hear what you think !

We would like to hear what you think about the SCB Newsletter, whether it be good or bad! Are there any specific articles you would like to see covered in future issues? Do you have anything you would like us to include? If you do, or you have any comments about our Newsletters, please let us know at [development@sussexcricket.co.uk](mailto:development@sussexcricket.co.uk)

## 31st August - NatWest CricketForce 2007 Awards

Clockwise from top left: John Burroughs from Billingshurst CC, Paul Hacker from Eastbourne CC, Chris Pike from Battle CC and Andy Smith from Preston Nomads CC; all presented by Sussex CCC Chief Executive Gus Mackay. Centre: James Smithers from Worthing CC; presented by David Neale from Daktronics and Frank Kemp from the ECB.

