



NEWDIGATE CRICKET CLUB
The Brocus, Henfold Lane, Newdigate, Surrey RH5 5AD.

FIVE YEAR DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2019 - 2023



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**Affiliated to the Surrey County Cricket Board – Member of the East Surrey Colts League
and the Fuller’s Brewery Surrey County League**

Website: www.newdigatecricketclub.co.

A Brief History

The first recorded cricket match played by a team from Newdigate took place on Easter Monday in 1886. The club played as a village team on their ground at Parkgate to the north of the parish until after the second world war, when they moved to the Brocus which had been purchased by the village as a memorial to those who had fallen during both world wars. Cricket was played on Saturdays and Sundays and in the 1960s two redundant London pre-fabs were erected – one as a pavilion and one as a scout hut. During the eighties and nineties it was getting harder to raise teams and most players came from outside the village. In 1988 a mid-week evening team was introduced which consisted mainly of local people and in 1993 a junior section was started and the club started to grow from that moment.

Highlights:

- 1886 – First recorded match
- 1960 – London pre-fab erected and used as a pavilion
- 1975 – Visit of England's Ladies team
- 1980 – Pavilion brick clad and extended
- 1988 – Mid-week team started
- 1993 – Junior section started
- 1994 – Two lane nets installed and opened by Derek Underwood
- 1997 – Surrey XI play match at Newdigate as part of Martin Bicknell's benefit
- 1998 – Interior of pavilion refurbished
- 1999 – Surrey XI return for Darren Bicknell's benefit
- 1999 – Join Surrey Downs League, Tours to Somerset, Yorkshire and Menorca
- 2001 – A second eleven enters the league
- 2006 – Club featured in Cricket AM on Sky TV
- 2007 – Visited Estonia to play cricket on ice
- 2007 – Achieved Clubmark accreditation
- 2009 – Alec Stewart visits club as part of 'Scrumpy Jack' promotion
- 2009 – Mole Valley Sports Club of the Year
- 2010 – Surrey Club of the Year runners-up
- 2011 – First and Second XI join the Fuller's Brewery Surrey County League
Third XI stay in Surrey Downs League
- 2011 – Girls section formed
- 2012 – Visit of Lashings World Cricket Club
- 2013 – Richie Benaud & Pat Pocock visit club to promote the pavilion appeal
- 2013 – Russian film crew produce a film featuring the club which was broadcast throughout Russia
- 2014 – Pavilion and Scout Hut demolished
- 2015 – New Brocus Community Pavilion and Hall Built
- 2015 – Tom O'Malley from Australia becomes our first overseas player
- 2015 – 1st XI win Fuller's Brewery Surrey County League Division 2 and the u9s and u13s win their respective divisions in the East Surrey Colts League
- 2016 – Visit of Surrey Masters to formally open the Community Building
- 2017 – 1st XI win Fuller's Brewery Surrey County League Division 1

CLUB STRUCTURE

We are affiliated to the England and Wales Cricket Board through the Surrey County Cricket Club. We are members of the Fuller's Brewery Surrey County League and the East Surrey Colts League and work closely with Active Surrey.

We have two sides in the Fuller's Brewery Surrey County League a Sunday side and a mid-week team playing friendlies. Depending upon numbers we play a minimum of four junior sides in the East Surrey Colts League. Our girls play in the Surrey Under 11s 'Smash It' competition. We host the Surrey Soft Ball Women's Festival (Prosecco Cricket) and the Dorking Schools' Kwik Cricket competitions for boys and girls.

The Club is open to all and our membership policy states that we are 'open to all persons, irrespective of ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or beliefs, sex, age and ability'

The club is run by a main committee which is responsible for all aspects of the club. It consists of:

- President
- Chairman
- Vice Chairman
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Club Welfare Officer
- Membership Secretary
- Fixture Secretary
- Junior Co-Ordinator
- Social Secretary
- Club Captain
- Team Captains

The club also has a number of Vice Presidents. The junior section is run by the junior co-ordinator who looks after all coaching matters and reports to the committee.

FACILITIES

The Brocus (our ground) is owned by a registered charity called the Newdigate Community Centre and the cricket club is one of the trustees.

Ground: We have a picturesque ground which lies to the north-west of the Brocus. The outfield is maintained by club members but the square is sub-contracted out to a qualified groundsman.

Problems – being surrounded by trees, leaf clearing is always difficult
visitation by moles
weeds and worm casts in outfield
the square is very small

Pavilion: The club uses the brand new Brocus Pavilion and Hall during the season.

Problems – More storage is needed for tables and chairs that are only used occasionally

Storage benches needed in changing rooms and umpire's room

Nets: A double lane net was installed in 1994 and refurbished in 2008 and 2017.

Problems - the poles to the cage are made from a lightweight material and bend. The netting needs replacing. The material under the batting ends needs re-laying as the bounce is still inconsistent.



EQUIPMENT

We have the following equipment:

Ground

<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Condition</u>
Auto Roller	Excellent - Brand new in 2010
Jacobsen Tri-King Outfield Mower	Good
Honda Mower for Square	Good
Billy Goat Leaf Collector	Good
Rotary Mower for general use	Poor
Scarifier	Good

Playing

Mobile Cage	Netting needs replacing
Bola Bowling Machine	Poor but usable
Catching cradle	Replacement of one stolen in 2015
2 x Coaching Mats	Good
Tildenet safety netting	OK
Kwik Cricket Sets	Good
U11 and U13 bats, pads etc.	Good
Helmets	Replaced in 2016 to latest standard
Team shirts for all ages	Good



JUNIORS

Full details of the junior section can be found on the website.

We generally have about 80 junior registrations plus 20 girls ranging in age from 5 – 15.

We enter teams in the East Surrey Colts League. We have up to six qualified coaches and a number of assistants who have attended the CSW course.

We run junior training on Friday evenings and they are arranged in age groups – All Stars, u9s, u11, u13s. All age groups are mixed.

Under the Chance to Shine Scheme we coach at the Newdigate Infants School and a number of primary schools in Dorking.

Problems

With an increase in younger members we have a safety problem and have to work diligently to separate soft and hard ball activities.

Changing attitudes with regards to commitment of older players

Parents' reluctance to travel to away matches

Lack of coaches – the UKCC2 course is too advanced and too expensive



SENIORS

Midweek Team – still going strong under the leadership of Cricket Field Marshall Graham Capel.

Sunday XI – playing regular home fixtures every week; growing in size and is currently the only offering NCC has for our juniors to play adult cricket over and above some midweek T20 games
The pool of players growing through the work of Monjur Elahi

1st XI – playing Fullers League Cricket - Premier Division 2017 Div 1 Winners, 2015 Div 2 Winners.
two promotions in four years - on the face of it, the club looks in great shape

2nd XI – Fullers 2nd Teams - Div 2; 3rd 2016, 3rd 2018. 2nd Team has missed promotion for two years out of three, the last year by just 5 points and with a side that included the best bowler and batsman in the league, Dan Jones and Will Bowley. The reason being, is that on some occasions they were not able to put out full strength side, sometimes nine players and on one occasion starting the game with just eight!

Problems

Fewer colts are moving into adult cricket; sport is no longer a priority. Exams, finding a job, holidays, are taking over the need to play cricket.

We have an ageing 1st XI – average age of 35 in 2018, 34.75 to be exact

Missing age groups: 25-32 = 3 senior full members

Interaction between the Seniors and Colts has reduced - no 3rd XI

The amount of social events have decreased

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Cricket is an important part in the village life within the community for young and old. Training evenings are an ideal time for parents and friends to meet for a drink whilst their children are being entertained and looked after. The club is also magnet for young people to meet and play impromptu games of cricket. The local football team use the outfield for training.

The new Brocus Community Pavilion and Hall is used by the entire community and the cricket club is just one of a number of users which include pilates, yoga and table tennis.

The club continues its involvement in the village bonfire evening.

FIVE YEAR PLAN

Facilities:

Ground –

Objective: Ensure that moles are removed and arrange leaf clearing throughout the winter months, arrange for spring/autumn preparation on square and weed/worm treatment to outfield. Liaise with groundsman regarding pitch preparation.:

Cost: - TBA

How: Contact local farmer to remove moles as and when necessary. Contact the Probation Service to get help with leaf clearing. Contact our groundsman to arrange spring/autumn preparation and weed/worm eradication. Keep in weekly contact.

When: Annually (leaf clearing and mole eradication)

Nets –

Objective: To replace cage with heavy duty poles. Relay the material under the batting ends to give consistency of bounce.

Cost: £18,000 + VAT

How: Apply for funding via the usual grant agencies. A quote has been received from Notts Sports. Grant applications to the London Marathon Trust and Sport England were rejected in 2018. The ECB has been approached regarding funding but it seems that there are very few opportunities for upgrades and repairs.

When: Cage – 2019 ?

Nets – 2019?

Pavilion

To research and implement a maintenance management plan. This will incorporate volunteer working parties such as Nat West CricketForce weekend.

Equipment:

Ground: Apart from general maintenance we do not expect any major costs in this area.

Equipment: Mobile Cage – Replace netting
Cost: £500.00 approx.

We are not requiring any further equipment.

Juniors:

Objectives:

a. Considering our space restrictions our current numbers are ideal.

b. We would like to see more girls playing.

Cost: a and b) We charge £60.00 for junior membership and £30.00 for siblings. Under 7 membership is via All Stars Cricket and costs £40.00. This is cheaper than most clubs and when including bar-takings the junior section is an important profit centre for the club.

How: a and b) By maintaining Chance to Shine and continuing with All Stars Cricket we would expect to have a continuing flow of young people joining the club. Visit local primary schools

c. We would also like to see Coach Support Workers improving their qualification.

Cost: Cost for coaching qualifications is in excess of £300.00 per person

How: This is a real problem. New coaches do not want to go on courses that do not give a formal qualification and do not allow them to conduct training sessions and net sessions on their own.

The commitment to attend a UKCC2 course is too long and too expensive and does not have the right content for new coaches. Nine new coaches attended a Coach Support Workers course in April 2016 and three more in April 2019. Some will be encouraged to take the UKCC2 course. It is understood that a new level one Foundation Course will be introduced shortly.

d. Achieve more participation from young players who finish coaching at u13 level.

How: This is a worsening situation. Without a 3rd XI there is no pathway to adult cricket for this age group. A club captain has been appointed to encourage this group to play at weekends. Invite this age group to practice with adults.

e. Reintroduce 'Futures Squad' or something similar for those between ages 15-20.

How: In 2015 we started a 'futures squad' whereby 15-18 year olds were invited to specialised training sessions. This lapsed in 2016/17. For 2019 it is intended that juniors at this age group will train regularly with senior players and play more senior cricket (3rd XI?).

f. Following the success of the summer camp over the past three years repeat the process in 2019.

Cost: A charge per day is fixed with a reduction for a full week.

How: Encourage the overseas player to organise backed up by coaches and volunteers.

g. Encourage more participation in winter training

How: Book the nets at Belmont School in Holmbury St. Mary

h. Following the success of some of our juniors who have progressed to the Surrey squads we will be encouraging this pathway.

How: Ensuring that the coaches put suitable applicants forward.

Seniors:

Objectives:

- We are going to be offering coaching to all full adult members: improve from within. This is across all levels, from the 1st and 2nd XI to the mid-weekers who want to improve their own level of cricket
- Recruit talent – bring in some fresh blood

Over the last six months our eyes have been opened to the number of talented cricketers out there that want to play at the level we sit at. We are fairly well situated in terms of the level of our 1st team cricket. Horley sit one league below us, Dorking 4 leagues above, Reigate Priory 6 leagues above. The closest teams playing at our level or two above are Merstham or Horsley & Send. This gives us a fairly strong catchment area

- Structure Training Program for the colts
- Increase the number of events in the social calendar. The playing side isn't the be all and end all, so we will be trying to make the club a more appetising proposition for those simply wanting a pint in the sun.
- Add some inter-club games into the fixture list into to bring together the playing members

We are going to be increasing the number of social events and adding some inter-club games in order to increase the interaction between junior, senior and midweek sides.



General:

Centurion Club

Objective: Increase membership to 100

Cost: - Nil

How: Handing out forms at major events

When: Every opportunity

Brick Appeal

Objective: Increase sale of bricks

Cost: Nil

How: Very few weekend cricketers have contributed to this appeal – this area should be targeted.

When: Every opportunity

Clubmark

Objective: Recruit an extra co-ordinator as cover

Cost: - Nil

How: Talking to prospective candidates

When: AGM

Overseas Player

Objective: Following the success in 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 an overseas player should be sought for 2019

Cost: Approx. £1500 to £2000 including flight costs, agents fee and accommodation contributions.

How: Accommodation to be sourced from amongst club members and the local community.

Key Priorities:

- The first team to be playing Surrey Championship Cricket Division 4 or 5
- Why do we want to be playing a higher standard if we can't put out two teams now? -The reputation of the Surrey Championship is far greater than the Fullers League and with the facilities we have are worthy of that level of cricket. The draw of new players to the club, I am 100%, will be far greater if we are playing Surrey Championship league cricket.
- The 2nd XI to win their league (2019) & have a full squad of players each season
- The colts to be training regularly with the senior players and playing more senior cricket (3rd XI)
- Refurbishment of facilities (Nets)
- Saturday Socials – make the club a viable option for adults and families to relax and have a drink.



A personal message from the Chairman:



CORE VALUES

With a greater emphasis on attracting new players, the committee felt it was important that we set our stall out in terms of the core values that this club hold.

- SPORTSMANSHIP
- ENJOYMENT
- RESPECT
- COMMITMENT

When Graham Capel formed his mid-week side in 1988 it was to allow those at all levels to be able to play cricket and this is still the case today. Over the years, we have always been held in high regards as one of the friendlier teams in the league and welcoming to all levels or cricketer.

Therefore, these are the core values we agreed by the committee in order to represent what we felt Newdigate Cricket Club were about. They all speak for themselves; however, it is the last one which we would like to explain.

By commitment by no means do we mean taking on extra responsibilities, it means that if you agree to something you make best efforts to do it, whether it be turning up to matches, to training, whatever it may be. I'm also not talking about pulling out of anything due to extenuating circumstances, these things happen, you can't mitigate for everything. However, from a playing perspective, there is nothing more infuriating than someone pulling out a match at 9pm on a Friday night, or worse 10am on a Saturday morning.

James Penfold

