



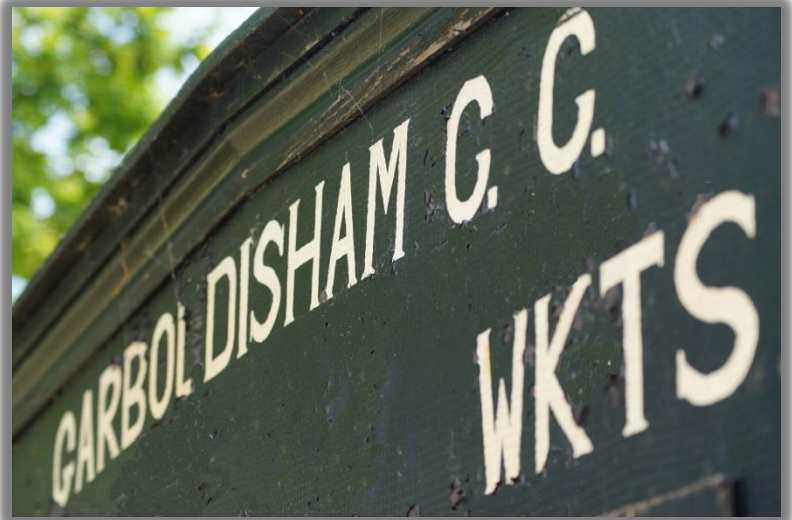
GARBOLDISHAM CRICKET CLUB ANNUAL REPORT AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2016

Introduction

Garboldisham Cricket Club is a well established club in south Norfolk. It successfully achieved Clubmark re-accreditation in 2013.

Aim

To provide facilities for and promote participation in the sport of cricket at all levels within the community and within the sport, providing opportunities for recreation, coaching and competition.



Objectives

Welcoming, encouraging and developing young players is vital to the future of club cricket. Major improvements to club facilities, which have included a second pitch and expansion of the current changing areas, allow us to offer competitive cricket to a wider range of age groups, thus providing the path to senior cricket. New nets have enhanced the skills development of all youth players and have provided first class training facilities for County ladies and girls cricket.

Girls are an integral part of our youth cricket set-up. Teams compete in local leagues and the club has female coaches at Level 2. The Club has a Ladies Team which competes in the TGS Norfolk Ladies League.

Garboldisham Cricket Club recognises and supports the needs of disabled players and actively encourages participation when appropriate. Situated in a deeply rural part of Norfolk, the Club actively encourages participation by players of all ethnic groups.

Club Organisation

The Club is managed by an Executive Committee consisting of:

- Chairman
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Club Welfare Officer
- Club Captain
- Youth Committee Chairman
- Ground Committee Chairman
- Social & Fundraising Committee Chairman
- Parent Liaison Member (new post created for 2016 season)
- One other member

Members

There are approximately 50 senior and 90 youth playing members together with some 100 social members. There are no other sports clubs in the village – the football team folded some years ago – and so the Club provides a valuable sporting opportunity for youngsters. Volunteers are, however, the backbone of the Club and fill roles such as coaches, Youth Team Managers, scorers, umpires, grounds staff, catering and social events staff. Coordination of these roles is carried out by the Club Committee and while this is always challenging, the Club's continued success ensures there is a reliable core of incumbents for the positions. This is encouraged by the part the Club plays in the local community. As well as providing coaches for the village primary school, members of the club are also closely involved in various organisations, such as Brownies and Rainbows. Social events are open to, and well supported by, non members from the local area which is also an effective way of promoting the Club. In addition, the Club has an excellent relationship with both the Parish Council and the local District Councillor who have readily provided support for grant applications when necessary.



Teams

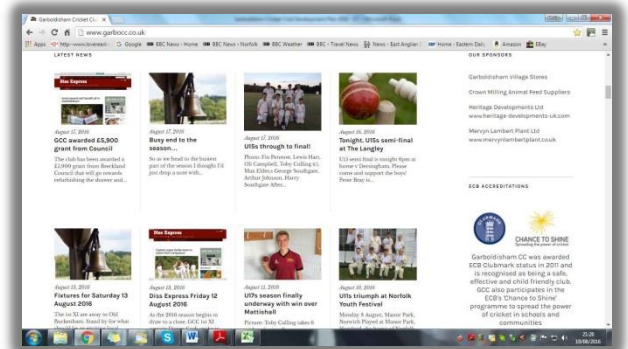


Garboldisham have four senior teams who compete in the Norfolk Alliance and the Norfolk League. The First XI won promotion to the Premier Division in 2015 and had a fantastic first season of top class cricket, finishing second, while the Second and Third teams just missed out on promotion in their respective divisions. The Ladies team are part of the Thetford Grammar School Norfolk Ladies League and were the winners of the Norfolk indoor competition for the second successive year. Youth teams compete at all

age groups from U9 to U17 and have been particularly successful during the 2016 season. There is also a strong Sunday team that gives the opportunity for competitive cricket to those that are unable to commit to Saturday fixtures.

Communication

The 2016 season saw the continued success of the Club's significantly improved website. Colourful, bright, informative and regularly updated, statistics show that the site averages some 5,000 views per month. It also has links to social media outlets such as Facebook and Twitter with over 600 "followers". These are now an integral part of the way the Club keeps



members updated and of course also ensures the wider community is kept informed of the Club's continued growth and success. Furthermore, the Club's Executive Committee are not some anonymous group of individuals. They are all actively involved as players, coaches and umpires and so are well known to members – and more importantly are acutely aware of members ideas and concerns.

Finance

The Club's business model is designed to raise funds from both cricketing activities and value added events, primarily for the membership but also open to the general public. The events help to subsidise the cricketing activities and accumulate funds for future developments. The Committee actively seeks opportunities for grant funding at local, county and national level and have been successful in gaining financial support for projects to further improve facilities. For the first time the Club offered sponsorship opportunities to local businesses at the start of the season. Overall, the Club is in a sound financial position.

Facilities



“The Langley” is one of the best presented grounds in Norfolk. As well as the Club's own games, the two pitches are regularly used for County and national fixtures. The extended pavilion provides good changing facilities for four teams and umpires. The building also has kitchen and bar facilities

that can provide catering for matches and social events. However, there are plans to redesign the older changing room areas to introduce additional space for both home and visiting teams as well as improve the social areas. The new electronic scoreboard has been temporarily mounted on the pavilion pending the construction of a purpose built stand.

There is a modern full size three-lane nets facility as well as a smaller two-lane nets area which together provide excellent training resources for club players.



Achievements in 2016

- First Team have excellent first season in the Premier Division of Norfolk Alliance
- First XI won the “Lady Mary Trophy” (first time since 1987!)
- U15s winners of the “Andy Seely Trophy” & South Norfolk Community League
- U11s winners of South Norfolk Community League
- Norfolk Women’s Indoor League Champions for the second year
- Club coaches ran timetabled and twilight sessions in local schools
- All summer and winter youth coaching delivered by the Club’s own qualified coaches
- Record number of young players nominated for county age squad trials
- Host venue for NACO Cup Final & Norfolk Alliance and SNCL youth finals
- New electronic scoreboard

Development Objectives 2017-19

Garboldisham Cricket Club’s objectives for the next three years are:

OBJECTIVE	LEAD	TARGET DATE
Achieve Clubmark reaccreditation	Secretary	2017
Develop and improve coaching for senior teams	Club Captain	2017
Maintain and increase success for youth teams	Youth Coordinator	2017
Enhance pavilion facilities by redesigning social area and increasing size of older changing rooms	Chairman	2017
Continue ground improvements including re-sighting of electronic scoreboard	Chairman	2017
Continue to provide quality coaching for local schools	Youth Coordinator	On-going
Increase number of male and female players at county level	Youth Coordinator	On-going
Continue to support county level cricket	Grounds Committee	On-going
Increase fundraising to fund capital projects	Fundraising Committee	2017-19