

CLUB FACILITIES, FUNDING & GROUNDS SEMINAR 2023

County Facilities Strategy Outcomes

Improving environmental sustainability

Is our project eligible for a County Grant ?

Club House improvements

We need new machinery – any grants available ?

We need to replace three outdoor nets

Grounds advice

What is a hybrid pitch ?

Funding for new ground equipment

Protection of pitch maintenance equipment from flood damage

Save on energy costs

Upgrade to scoreboard

Training for new club groundsman

Grant for rain water harvesting ?

Solar panels and battery viability

We need to replace our Astro pitch

Expansion of Clubhouse

Improve practice facilities

Funding availability and avenues



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INTRODUCTION

- Welcome, Introduction and Purpose of Meeting
 - Contribution is essential to a successful evening
- Facilities
 - County Facilities Strategy – Brief Overview
 - Club’s Survey 2022
 - County Facilities Strategy - Findings
 - Facilities Checklist – Purpose and Benefit
 - Club Evolution ... Today and Beyond
 - Club Compliance ... It’s importance
- Funding
 - Club Needs
 - County Grant Fund
 - Sect 106 – Strengthening the case
 - Crowdfunding
 - Capital Funding

- Supporting clubs groundskeepers
 - Grounds machinery / equipment needs
 - Training needs
 - GMA Membership benefits – info available
 - Pitchpower is coming
 - End of Season pitch renovations
 - Attracting volunteer grounds support
 - Hybrid pitch update
 - Preferred communication means



CLUB FACILITIES AND GROUNDS SEMINAR 2023

MY ROLE AND WHAT I CAN OFFER

- Enabling clubs to develop and improve their facilities
- Assist in establishing routes to funding
- Helping to reduce energy costs
- Supporting clubs grounds management needs
- Representing Devon cricket clubs at Local Authority meetings
 - Voice for cricket in L.A. Playing Pitch Strategy reviews
- Communications channel for any related ECB / GMA initiatives
- Support clubs when a facility risk or incident occurs
- Prepare, present, deliver and monitor County Facilities Strategy
- Sharing resources and best practices
- Club visits and consultations



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FACILITIES

County Facilities Strategy 2023-2033

WHAT ?

- A comprehensive study of playing, recreational and grounds facilities
- Engagement across ALL aspects of the game in Devon
- L.A. and other specialist input to understand demographic influences

WHY ?

- ECB requested this study from all 39 CCB's - no rigid structure guidance
- Provides an overall perspective of modern cricket facility requirements
- Allows common themes / trends to be determined
 - Shapes future strategy and funding criteria
- Offers a “better than crystal ball” vision for Devon cricket

WHEN ?

- FULL study is now complete and available to view on DCF website
- Summary report has been handed to all DCF affiliated clubs
- Provides a ten year look ahead for cricket facility needs



CLUB Facilities Survey 2022

HOW ?

- **CLUB FACILITIES SURVEY 2022** – Formed the basis of club consultation
- 100 clubs issued the survey– 60% returned – good geographical spread
- Data obtained represented the viewpoint of cricket clubs in the CFS
- Multiple other consultations undertaken with other stakeholders

SUMMARY OF CLUB FACILITIES SURVEY

- Playing needs focus significantly on both pitch and outfield issues
- Training needs are heavily focussed on static nets and to a lesser extent portable net facilities
- More clubs are looking to invest in NTP's to ease capacity and/or for training purposes.
- Recreational needs are heavily focussed on either building new or improving pavilion facilities
- General lack of awareness of local funding opportunities -could make club dreams become reality !
- Many clubs are interested in crowd-funding schemes which may suit their individual needs
- Nearly 70% of clubs find it either difficult or very difficult to book indoor nets
- Quality of indoor nets at state schools and local leisure centres are considered to be generally poor
- Clubs in Exeter locality were generally satisfied with quality of indoor facilities. Other areas struggled with both availability and quality



County Facilities Strategy 2023-2033

Main Findings & Actions

CREATE WELCOMING AND SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENTS

- Facility checklists & Maintenance / compliancy guidance schedule
- Support club sustainability projects – tackle climate change / reduce costs
- Allow clubs to offer the “whole club” experience – improve social and recreation facilities
- De-fibrillators at every cricket club
- Lobby for smaller clubs to develop and improve
- Help clubs to engage with local communities and become a stronger entity

TRANSFORM WOMEN, GIRLS AND DISABILITY CRICKET

- Enable greater playing pitch capacity through new / refurb NTP's
- Transform club facilities to enable more women and girls participation
- Provide more disability champion clubs in the county
- Provide a performance facility for disability cricket

URBAN

- Provide quality indoor training facilities in key locations
- Provide adequate playing facilities in urban fringe locations
- Engage in non traditional urban facilities – eg. playzones

PERFORMANCE PATHWAY

- Centrally located performance cricket hub



County Facilities Strategy 2023-2033

Main Findings & Actions

PROTECT & IMPROVE WHAT WE ALREADY HAVE

- Support clubs to improve eligibility criteria for facilities funding – eg. PPS
- Protect against impact from external or environmental influences
- Assist vulnerable clubs to secure and extend tenure at their facility
- Campaign for clubs to access additional playing pitches in their locality
- Support clubs to improve their playing and training facilities
- Provide playing opportunities for the growing game as population rises
- Protect playing locations where clubs merge or vacate a facility

GROUNDS MANAGEMENT

- Replace fossil fuel machinery with electrically driven alternatives (if possible)
- Provide effective training programme for new and existing groundskeepers
- Promote membership benefits for groundskeepers / clubs joining GMA
- Set-up more effective communication channel for groundskeepers
- Endorse PitchPower app roll out to assist clubs improve their fine turf pitches
- Investigate viability for post season pitch renovations service in Devon
- Support clubs to attract more volunteer groundskeepers and retain existing
- Conduct hybrid pitch evaluations and support club installations



Club Facilities Checklist

CLUB FACILITIES - PLAYING			
FACILITY	DETAILS	Response	Club verified Y/N*
Ground Name	add ground name here		One of two pitches at xxxx CC
Tenure			
	Type of tenure	Other	rental agreement with local farmer
	If leased, is a formal lease agreement in place	yes	
	If leased, what is duration of lease agreement	<20 Years	15 year lease agreement
	If leased, what is start date of lease agreement. (free type value)	20/03/2011	
	If leased, remaining period of current agreement (free type value)	4 years	y
	If leased, general relationship with landlord	average	
Square			
	Name of pitch	Memorial Park	
	Number of grass pitches on square. (A)	10	y
	Number of adult home matches played (on grass) over last full season (B)	45	
	Pitch utilisation	underplayed	
	General visual condition of pitches	good	
	Has a pitch assessment been carried out within the past 3 years	no	
	Report received for pitch assessment and results	not available	

PURPOSE

- Get a clear understanding of club current facilities and grounds status
- Gain a better perspective on club needs both individually and collectively.
- Mission is to visit each club over next 12 months – beneficial mutual exercise
- Provides supportive information when determining club development needs and priorities



EVOLVING NEEDS OF CRICKET CLUBS

HOW HAS YOUR CLUB EVOLVED OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS ?

- More family orientated environments
- Growth of the women and girls game
- Growth of junior game – national programmes
- Disability access
- Rising energy costs – more consumption focussed
- Members expect more for their money – facilities
- Drive towards greater compliancy for facilities
- More diverse membership base
- Offer more hospitality



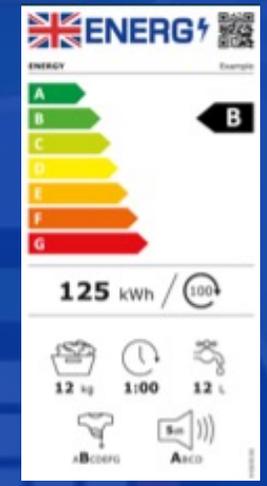
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WHAT LIES AHEAD OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS ?

- Phasing out of fossil fuels – heating / machines
- Drive towards zero carbon footprint
 - Smart controls for building to reduce running costs
 - Energy management responsibilities
- New technology for playing surfaces – hybrid pitches
- Climate impact assessments
- Additional irrigation needs
- Managing resources, recycling and waste
- Managing expectations of members within the financial and voluntary constraints of the club !



The ECB is supporting grassroots cricket clubs to transition to electric machinery through the Tackling Climate Change theme of its County Grants Fund.



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INSURANCE AND COMPLIANCY

Discuss this incident and how it has evolved

Key Points to consider

- Ensure your B&C insurance levels are appropriate and understand your policy schedule – whats covered ?
- How to mothball your facility at the end of season
- Electrical wiring – within date for test and inspection
 - Frequency for commercial premises ?
- Portable Appliance Register and testing schedule
 - Frequency for commercial / light use premises ?
- Gas safety checks on piping and appliances
- Engage your Governing Body – emergency support

Whats Coming ?

- Recreational Clubs H&S Hub on ECB website
 - Roll out in early 2024
 - Checklist and guidance on Facilities Management



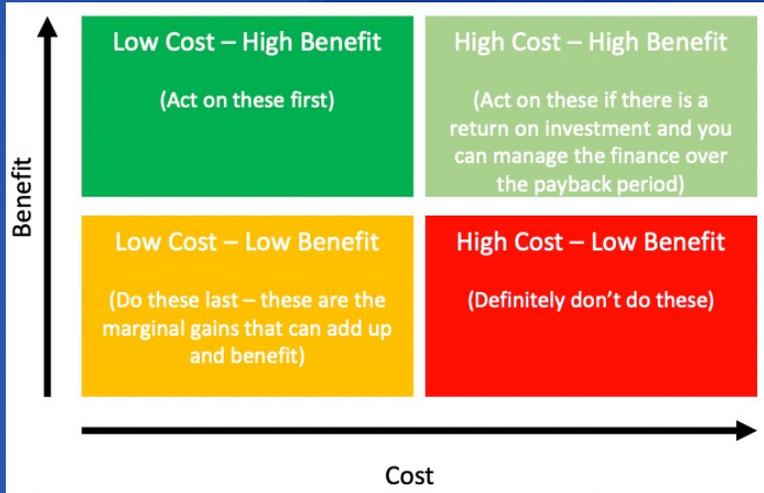
ENERGY SAVING AND SUSTAINABILITY

RISES IN ENERGY COSTS ARE AFFECTING ALL CLUBS

HOW CAN CONSUMPTION BE REDUCED TO OFFSET ADDITIONAL ENERGY BILLS ?

THE GUIDES BELOW WILL HELP TO ACHIEVE SAVINGS

- [ECB REDUCING ENERGY COSTS](#)
- [ECB ENERGY SAVING IN THE CLUBHOUSE](#)
- [RFU GUIDANCE ON NO COST ENERGY SAVING PRACTICES](#)
- [ECB ENERGY AND WATER CONSUMPTION](#)
- [COMMUNITY FUNDS WHICH SUPPORT RENEWABLE ENERGY SCHEMES](#)
- [Devon Cricket Facilities Page](#)
- [ECB Sustainability and Climate Change Information](#)

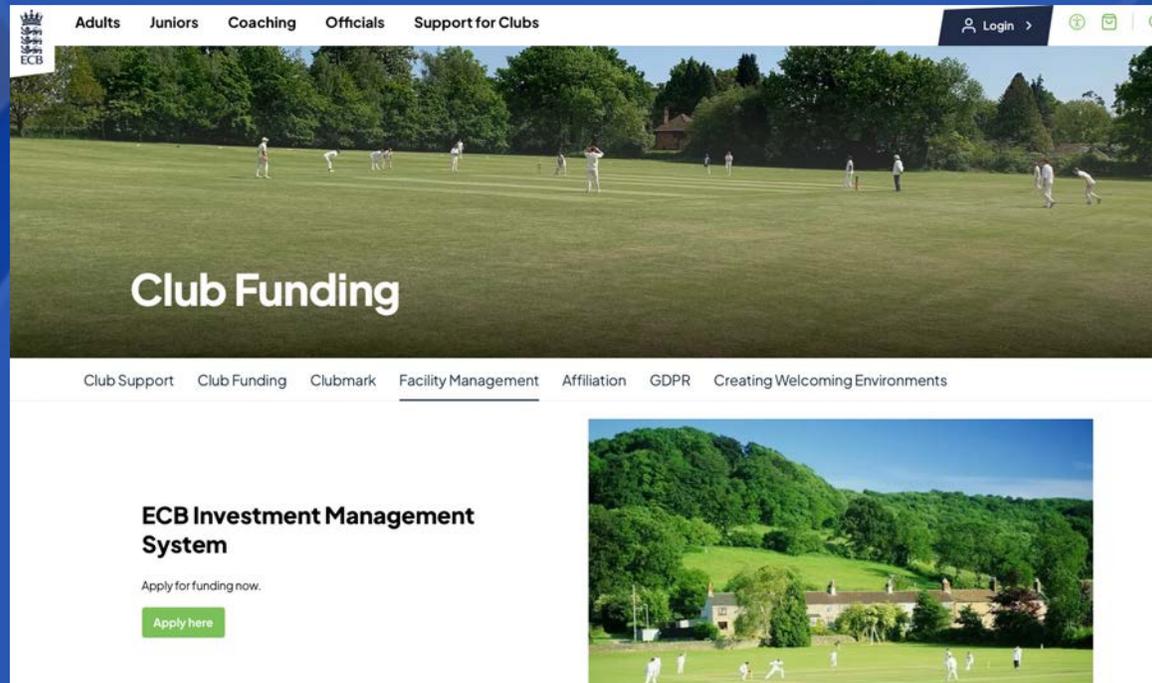


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FUNDING



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The screenshot shows the ECB website's 'Club Funding' page. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for 'Adults', 'Juniors', 'Coaching', 'Officials', and 'Support for Clubs'. A 'Login' button is also present. The main header features a large image of a cricket field with the text 'Club Funding' overlaid. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with links for 'Club Support', 'Club Funding', 'Clubmark', 'Facility Management', 'Affiliation', 'GDPR', and 'Creating Welcoming Environments'. The main content area is titled 'ECB Investment Management System' and includes a call to action: 'Apply for funding now.' with a green 'Apply here' button. To the right of the text is a photograph of a cricket club building and a green field.

<https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/club-support/club-funding>

COUNTY GRANT SCHEME

County Grant Scheme opened in 2021

Grants available between £1k-£10K –based on 3 eligibility themes. **Managed through IMS Portal**

Creating Welcoming Environments- **Open to clubs who deliver any of the following: National programmes (All Stars/Dynamos), Run competitive Women & or Girls , Disability Cricket**

Providing Enhanced Facilities and Playing Opportunities for Women's and Girls' Cricket and / or Disability Cricket- **open to clubs who run either competitive Women & or Girls or Disability Cricket**

Tackling Climate Change - **Open To All Affiliated Clubs. PRIORITY THEME FOR 2023**

Await 2024 budget and guidelines from ECB - expecting much the same as 2023

Two Applications Windows – likely dates ...

5th February to 22nd March – same as 2023

22nd July to 30th August – earlier than 2023

For more information **visit County Grants webpage** or Contact **Nick Goodliffe** for further advice on any projects



COUNTY GRANT FUNDING SUPPORT TO DATE

STATS OPPOSITE REVEAL FUNDING COMMITMENT TO DEVON CRICKET CLUBS OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS (2021 - 2023)

44

DEVON CLUBS BENEFITTED

£114K

Creating Welcoming Environments

£283K

GRANTS AWARDED

£53K

Enhanced Facilities Women & Girls / Disabled

£540K

OVERALL PROJECT COSTS

£116K

Tackling Climate Change



COUNTY GRANTS

VARIETY OF PROJECTS

Excellent range of diverse club improvements including;

- Catering Equipment & Kitchen Upgrades
- Addition of womens changing rooms and welfare facilities
- Improved club access
- Improvements to social space and outdoor environment
- Energy saving plan
- Improvements and new NTP's
- Multiple PV solar – including off grid power solutions (8 in 2023)
- Replacement heating systems – low energy scheme
- Rainwater Harvesting system
- Borehole for irrigation water
- E- mowers
- Disability access
- Replacement doors and windows



CROWDFUNDING PLUS MATCHFUNDING

Has anyone been part of a successful Crowdfunding campaign ?



ITS SIMPLE AND EFFECTIVE BUT REQUIRES COMMITMENT AND EFFORT FROM A SMALL TEAM

1. Start a crowdfunding campaign and set a target
2. Launch the campaign when everything is in place
3. Promote the campaign far and wide
4. Engage the whole club membership – include "rewards"
5. Reach 25% of target and engage with Sport England Active Together for match funding contribution
6. Promote and complete the campaign and achieve target – collect the matchfunding offer
7. WE CAN HELP



CAPITAL FUNDING

HOW MANY CLUBS IN THE ROOM

CONSIDER THEY WILL NEED CENTRAL

FUNDING SUPPORT FROM ECB TO DELIVER

THEIR PROJECTS ?



NO CENTRAL FUNDING FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS IN 2024

ECB WORKING WITH COUNTY BOARDS IN 2024 TO EVALUATE COUNTY FACILITY STRATEGY OUTCOMES TO DETERMINE INVESTMENT PRIORITIES.

ANY FUTURE CAPITAL FUNDING FOR CLUB PROJECTS WILL BE LINKED TO:

- STRATEGIC NEEDS FOR DEVON (VIA CFS)
- TRANSFORMATIONAL IMPACT FOR GROWTH OF WOMENS, GIRLS AND DISABILITY CRICKET

EVALUATION OF CLUBS NEEDS WILL BE BASED AROUND:

- WHAT CLUBS ARE OFFERING
- SUITABILITY OF CLUB FACILITIES TO DELIVER THEIR OFFERINGS
- SUSTAINABILITY OF CLUBS TO DELIVER THE PROJECT AND THE PROGRAMMES



SECTION 106 AGREEMENTS



WHAT IS A SECTION 106 AGREEMENT ?

Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 **allows a local planning authority, to enter into a legally-binding agreement or planning obligation with a landowner/developer as part of the granting of planning permission**

WHAT CAN SECTION 106 BE USED FOR ?

They can be used **to support the provision of services and infrastructure, such as highways, recreational facilities, education, health and affordable housing**

HOW CAN CRICKET CLUBS BENEFIT FROM SECTION 106 ?

They can **obtain funding from Section 106 agreements providing the local authority is aware of the clubs intended project and support the justification for it.** If the Section 106 agreement makes provision for new or improved recreational / sporting facilities, then the club may stand to benefit.

WHAT CAN CLUBS DO TO MAXIMISE THEIR POTENTIAL FOR SECTION 106 FUNDING ?

- Engage with their local authority and raise awareness of club needs and priorities via the playing pitch strategy.
- Understand their local authorities process for requesting Sect. 106 funding
- PLEASE UNDERSTAND ... not normally a fast moving process and can take considerable time to come to fruition.



SECTION 106 AGREEMENTS

Cricket Pavilion project hits a six with S106 funding

A huge project to improve cricket facilities at one of West Devon's biggest clubs will see the club continue to offer sporting opportunities to an ever-growing number of people living in the borough.

The pavilion revamp project at Tavistock Cricket Club has seen the club create a new disabled toilet, a girls' changing room and extend the existing changing room.

West Devon Borough Council has helped the project with £120,000 of S106 funding.

The work was carried out through the winter and spring months.

The works at the club pavilion will allow the club to continue growing its cricket programme and welcome children and adults alike into enjoying sport and improving their wellbeing.

The funding has come from Section 106 money provided by two developments in the town; the Embden Grange development on Butcher Park Hill (£107,856) and the Cavanna Homes New Launceston Road development (£12,144).



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OTHER POTENTIAL ROUTES TO FUNDING

Funding body	Amount
<u>ECB County Grant Fund</u>	Max £10,000
<u>ECB Interest Free Loan</u>	Max £50,000
<u>Sport England Funding Sources</u>	Various – up to £15,000*
<u>National Lottery Community Fund (old Awards for All)</u>	£300 – £20,000
<u>Biffa Award</u> Landfill Communities Fund	£10,000 – £75,000
<u>SUEZ Communities Trust.</u> Landfill Communities Fund	£1,000 – £50,000
<u>Valencia Communities Fund (Previously Viridor)</u> Landfill Communities Fund	Max £100,000
<u>Crowdfunding Campaigns</u>	Self generating revenue
<u>Norman Family Trust</u>	Typically £1,000 - £5,000
<u>Tesco Bags of Help</u>	Varied
<u>Easyfundraising</u>	Linked to purchase value



Defibrillators – Club Mission

EVERY CRICKET CLUB SHOULD HAVE IMMEDIATE ACCESS TO A DE-FIB
BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION – FREE de-fib scheme

British Heart Foundation



Information & support

Home > How you can help > CPR and defibrillators: how to save a life > Defibrillators

Apply for a free defibrillator for your community

Find out if your community group is eligible for a free, BHF-funded defibrillator. Having a defibrillator and knowing how to do CPR will give members of your community a better chance at surviving a cardiac arrest.

Applications for a free, BHF-funded defibrillator are now open. Applications will close on 15 March 2024.

All eligible UK-based community groups can apply. Each organisation can only apply for one award package.

A limited number of funded defibrillators are available. Applications will be reviewed monthly against a set of criteria so defibrillators can be awarded to communities that need them most.



<https://www.bhf.org.uk/how-you-can-help/how-to-save-a-life/defibrillators/apply-for-a-free-defibrillator-for-your-community>



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GROUNDS MANAGEMENT



GROUNDSKEEPING NEEDS

MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT NEEDS

HOW MANY CLUB GROUNDSKEEPERS NEED AT LEAST ONE NEW MACHINE TO MAINTAIN THEIR PITCH ?

- Grant support for new machinery is very limited – affordability of machines !
- ECB Interest Free Loans can be used – even for refurbish purchases
- County Grants Fund – supports e-machines – higher cost per unit
- PitchPower once fully established may lead to future machinery grants

TRAINING NEEDS

HOW MANY CLUBS WOULD BENEFIT FROM PRACTICAL TRAINING TO ASSIST VOLUNTEER GROUNDS STAFF PREPARE / MAINTAIN PLAYING SURFACES ?

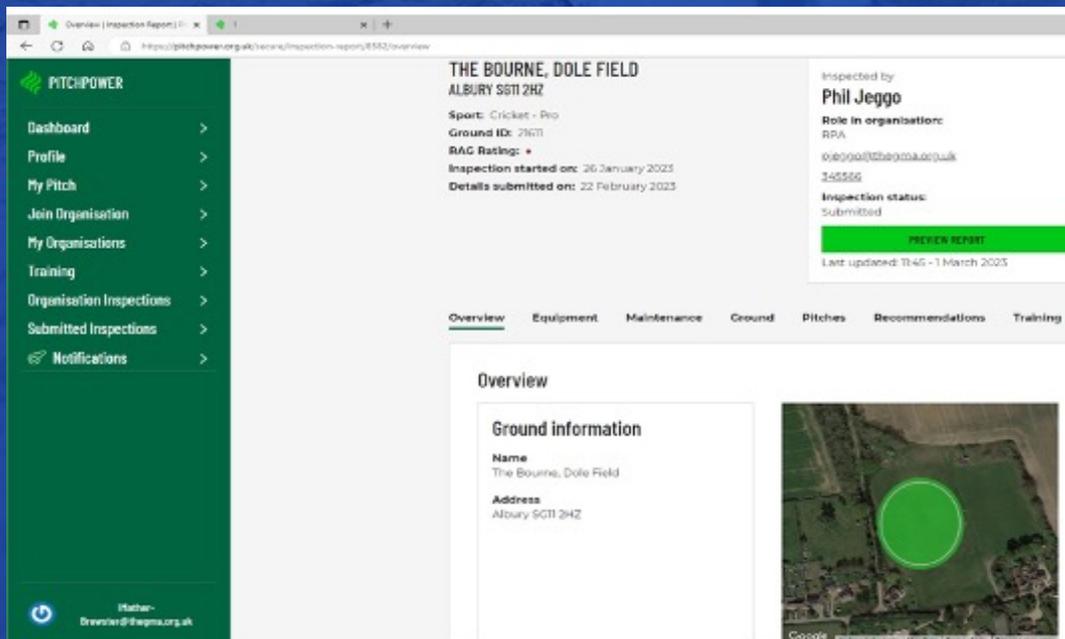
- GMA offer 2 hour practical sessions which can be delivered by Devon Pitch Advisors
- Wealth of information for groundskeepers specific to cricket via GMA toolkit
- GMA Regional Pitch Advisor visits and PQS reports. > 20 club visits over past 2 years
- Membership of GMA – grass roots club
- Structured on-line training courses offered by GMA – discounted for GMA members



GROUNDSKEEPING NEW INITIATIVES

PITCHPOWER IS COMING

- Free web app for inspecting and improving grass pitches
- Rolled out by Football Foundation in 2020 – for football only
- 2024 will see the roll out of the Cricket PitchPower “Pro” version
- Piloted by County Pitch Advisors throughout 2024 when carrying out PQS inspections
- Expect big take up by clubs – will probably drive the need for more CPA’s
- Eventually will be available via a “User” version for club groundskeepers to use



GROUNDSKEEPING NEW INITIATIVES

HYBRID PITCHES ARE COMING

- Expect these featuring at recreational clubs over next few years
- Increased wear resistance of playing pitches (> 3x more use)
 - More games played in middle of square
- Maintain as normal pitch – control of cut height is important !!
- Improved drainage – hence more watering
- Post season renovations – essentially as normal pitch
- Costs to lay equiv to laying NTP



GMA Website provide more details
<https://resources.thegma.org.uk/hybrid-cricket-pitches>



GROUNDSKEEPING OPEN FORUM

Open discussion on grounds management needs – gain understanding on priority needs for clubs

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

- Regular training forums in Devon
- CPD event at Somerset CCC ?

PITCH SUPPORT

- End of Season Pitch Renovations
- CPA / RPA visits to clubs
- Attracting volunteer support

COMMUNICATIONS

- Quarterly newsletter by email ?
- WhatsApp Group – “Devon Grounds” ?
- Facebook page ?



THANK YOU

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