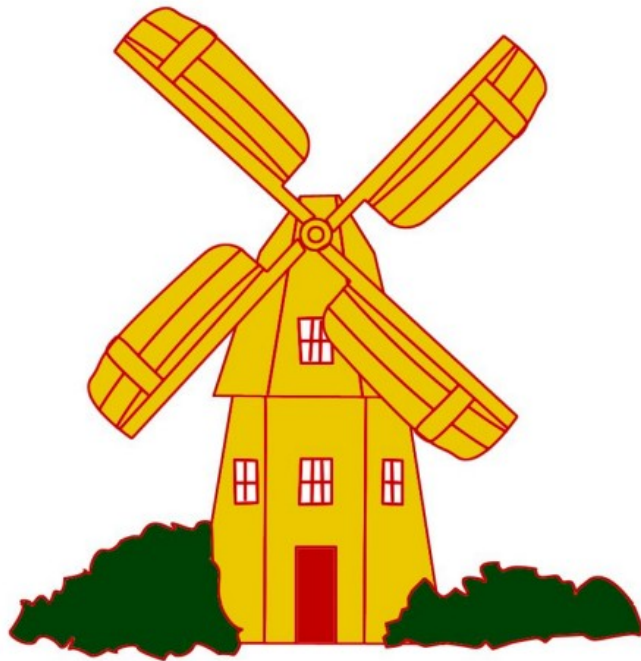


Avoncroft Cricket Club



Annual Report 2020

Season Overview

2020 was a year like no other; the Covid-19 pandemic hit every aspect of our lives, and cricketing life was no different. With the country in lockdown, the season was delayed with no activity allowed at the club until June. Even then, government restrictions on social distancing and the knock on impact to organised sport limited activities, with the ban on full team games only being lifted in early July.

Limits on travelling resulted in the Worcestershire Cricket Board taking the sensible step to adapt the cricket programme on offer. Saturday leagues were suspended, and replaced with a shorter competition against local rivals. For Avoncroft, this opened up the opportunity to challenge ourselves against our neighbours at Bromsgrove and Barnt Green, to name just two. The overriding relief at being able to get back to something like normal life made the season one of the more enjoyable ever, even if the results didn't always back this up.

Restarting junior cricket was an important priority for the club, although this needed to be undertaken under a strict risk assessment of the club's ability to comply with Covid-19 guidelines. As a result, the difficult decision to limit junior cricket to ages 10 years and upwards was taken. Despite this, the club saw strong interest in junior training from our local community, with swelling numbers from U10s to U14s. Initially 1:1 training was offered, with easing restrictions leading to an expansion to training groups of 6, before full training could resume later in the summer. Junior matches also returned from July onwards, although this was limited to local friendly cricket for the 2020 season.

Off the pitch, the closure of the club for half a season brought with it major financial concerns, with no natural route for generating income to offset the ongoing costs. The response from the club members, and some generous donations from local businesses, eased initial concerns with the opportunity to access Covid grants eventually meaning that the club's finances remained strong. In fact, as hospitality was able to reopen in July, income generation reached previously unseen levels in the second half of the year, enabling the club to invest in new facilities for our members, most notably a much needed artificial training net, replacing the previous one built over 20 years earlier.

So, whilst no-one will look at 2020 particularly fondly, what looked to be a challenging year can be seen as one that reinvigorated a love for cricket and the camaraderie that it brings, one that brought new players into the game and, for Avoncroft, one that drove forward our investment in the club, leaving us in a very strong position for the future.

1st XI Review

As previously mentioned, Saturday league cricket was replaced with a local competition, involving 6 sides from the original Worcestershire County League Divisions 2 and 3. The split of local clubs meant that Avoncroft 1st XI found themselves paired with 4 sides from the league above – a uphill challenge for the Croft players.

The final league table failed to do justice to Croft's efforts with most games proving to be close, but gallant defeats tended to be the order of the day. In fact, Croft's only win came in the last game of the season against town rivals Bromsgrove. 3 wickets from Josh Cound, and 2 each from Dan Elliott and Jon Hunter saw Bromsgrove dismissed for 194; a total that looked well within Croft's reach as Elliott (31) and Dave Apperley (56) got them off to a flyer in reply. A traditional collapse made things interesting, before a calm 29no from Cound saw Avoncroft home to a 3 wicket victory.

Captain Dan Elliott led the way with the bat, notching up 324 runs across the shortened season, whilst Jon Hunter took the bowling plaudits with an impressive haul of 19 wickets.

REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY - GROUP B - 2020.

Worcestershire County League

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POS	TEAM	P	w	wcn	t	l	lcn	c	a	BatP	BowlP	Pen	R/W	W	Pts
1	Astwood Bank CC - 2nd XI	10	8	0	0	2	0	0	0	3	6	0	11.02	8	169
2	Barnt Green CC - 2nd XI	10	8	0	0	2	0	0	0	3	5	0	8.86	8	168
3	Bromsgrove CC - 2nd XI	10	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	13	11	0	13.25	5	124
4	Himbleton CC - 1st XI	10	4	0	0	6	0	0	0	11	14	0	-4.82	4	105
5	Redditch CC - 2nd XI	10	3	0	1	6	0	0	0	13	11	0	-12.6	3	94
6	Avoncroft CC - 1st XI	10	1	0	1	8	0	0	0	17	22	3	-12.24	1	66

2nd XI Review

The 2nd XI enjoyed a more successful season on the pitch, although in a tight league, their 5 wins were only rewarded with a 5th place finish.

A record of 5 wins and 5 losses accurately reflects the up and down nature of Croft's performances; the 2nds passed 200 on 5 occasions, reaching over 270 on 3 of those, however their average score in the other 5 games was only just over 100. The batting efforts were helped by Duncan Roke who returned from injury to post 277 runs in just 3 innings, although various contributions from Mark Whitehead, Mark Wood and Jon Brunt also led to match winning performances.

Efforts with the ball were less to write home about, with leg-spinner Alex Richardson ploughing a lone furrow with 13 wickets for the season. One positive was the growing integration of some of the club's under 14s into league cricket; a step that puts Croft in a great position to develop further in the years to come.

REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP PLATE - GROUP B - 2020.

Worcestershire County League

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VISIT LEAGUE SITE

POS	TEAM	P	w	wcn	t	l	lcn	c	a	BatP	BowlP	Pen	R/W	W	Pts
1	Himbleton CC - 2nd XI	10	8	0	0	2	0	0	0	7	2	0	20.74	8	169
2	Alvechurch & Hopwood CC - 2nd XI	10	6	0	0	4	0	0	0	9	7	2	3.51	6	134
3	Five Ways Old Edwardians CC - 2nd XI	10	6	0	0	4	0	0	0	6	7	0	5.06	6	133
4	Cookhill CC - 1st XI	10	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	7	16	0	1.5	5	123
5	Avoncroft CC - 2nd XI	10	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	1	4	1	-6.23	5	104
6	Astwood Bank CC - 4th XI	10	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	12	16	1	-29.69	0	27

Sunday Review

A record of 2 wins and 7 defeats for the season hides the key purpose for the Sunday XI, as the 2020 season saw a transition which re-established the side very clearly as a development XI for Croft's growing band of junior cricketers.

7 Under 13s and 14s represented Croft in the shortened Sunday season, ably supported by a range of more experienced club members, all keen to pass on their knowledge to the future stars. It was in the bowling department where the youngsters were able to shine, with the 4 leading wicket takers all aged 14 or under. Harry Stone, Fin Morris, Matt Athey and Jack Wright all showed they were comfortable coping with the demands of adult cricket and hopefully set themselves up for a successful future at Avoncroft.

Croft's more experienced players were invaluable in holding the batting together, with Chris Pitt (298 runs) and Josh Cound (288 runs) leading the way. Contributions from time to time from Jonty Heslop and Ben Warwick were also welcome, whilst 13 year old Harvey Shaw demonstrated his skills with 101 runs and a top score of 44. It was telling that Croft's two wins came in the final month of the season, as the younger player grew into their roles in the side – a positive sign of things to come.

Treasurer's Report 2020

As described earlier in this report, 2020 was an unusual year for the club's finances. The Accounts are attached to this report, however the key points in summary are as follows:

- The club made an overall surplus of £1,409 in 2020, taking the overall balance of funds up to £20,717.
- Due to the number of new grants, and the material one-off items of expenditure, the club continues to split our accounts between a general account to cover the day to day running costs and a development account, which sets aside funding for investment.
- The general account shows a surplus £4,974. As noted previously, income generation was particularly positive, given that the club was closed for the first half of the season. Member subscriptions and bar takings were still broadly in line with the levels seen in 2019, representing a very positive response from members to the Covid challenges.
- £18,033 of grants, donations and other income was received into the development account in 2020; the majority of which related to Covid grant support.
- There were 4 majority items of expenditure in 2020 taken from the development account:
 - Single Bay net - £16,500
 - Throwdown net - £1,503
 - New wicket mower - £3,000
 - Mower repairs - £595
- This leaves a balance of £8,556 in the development account. An element of this relates to works relating to an insurance claim which were completed in early 2021 and so the funding was carried forward into 2021. The remaining funding was set aside for other areas of priority investment, to be determined by the club's committee and trustees.

AVONCROFT CRICKET CLUB - CLUB ACCOUNTS

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

	General A/C 2020		Development A/C 2020		TOTAL 2020		TOTAL 2019	
INCOME	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Main Committee		0		14,712		14,712		0
- Grants			14,712		14,712			
Playing Committee		4,635		0		4,635		6,035
- Subscriptions	2,580				2,580		2,630	
- 1st XI Match Fees	420				420		463	
- 2nd XI Match Fees	360				360		314	
- Sunday Match Fees	430				430		602	
- Other Match Fees	325				325		65	
- Indoor League Fees	150				150		150	
- Indoor Nets	430				430		540	
- Tour							665	
Junior Committee		3,249		0		3,249		7,725
- Subs, Training & Match Fees	3,249				3,249		5,545	
- Indoor Nets							130	
- Grants / Donations							500	
- Fundraising							332	
- Sale of clothing / equipment							558	
Social & Fundraising Committee		1,560		3,321		4,881		5,202
- Vice Presidents / Donations			1,821		1,821		1,210	
- Sponsorship			1,500		1,500		500	
- 200 Club	1,512				1,512		1,400	
- Bonus Ball							402	
- Other social/fundraising	48				48		1,630	
Ground & Pavilion Committee		2,630		0		2,630		22,528
- Capital Grants							11,214	
- Loan							3,650	
- Insurance claim							1,664	
- Water rebate	2,630				2,630			
Bar Committee		4,557				4,557		5,010
TOTAL AVONCROFT CC INCOME		16,751		18,033		34,784		46,500
EXPENDITURE	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Main Committee		5,207		0		5,207		4,323
- Loan repayments	483				483		1,448	
- Insurance	2,166				2,166		1,888	
- Lease extension	1,430				1,430		0	
- Fire Compliance	137				137		59	
- Licences	268				268		336	
- Affiliation Fees	115				115		135	
- Darts							250	
- Pest Control	430				430			
- Sundries	119				119		147	
Playing Committee		1,191		0		1,191		2,703
- League Fees							430	
- Balls	728				728		745	
- Trophies / Medals							110	
- Indoor Nets	463				463		476	
- Tour							732	
- Other							30	
Junior Committee		378		0		378		3,130
- League Fees							805	
- Indoor Nets							238	
- Kit / Equipment							1,785	
- Trophies	228				228		288	
- Courses	150				150		75	
Social & Fundraising Committee		0		0		0		495
- Social/fundraising equipment	0				0		435	
- Clothing							0	
Ground & Pavilion Committee		5,001		21,598		26,599		22,213
- Capital Purchases			21,003		21,003		13,617	
- Ground Rent	341				341		341	
- Groundsmen Fees							1,000	
- Ground Work / Expenses	2,600		595		3,395		3,003	
- Grass Cutting	660				660		0	
- Pavilion Cleaning	60				60		1,010	
- Pavilion Maintenance / expenses							158	
- Utilities (Gas)							306	
- Utilities (Electricity)	1,120				1,120		881	
- Utilities (Water)							1,836	
Bar Committee						0		0
TOTAL AVONCROFT CC EXPENDITURE		11,777		21,598		33,375		32,324
TRANSFER TO DEVELOPMENT A/C		0		0		0		0
TOTAL AVONCROFT CC PROFIT / (LOSS)		4,974		-3,565		1,409		13,576

AVONCROFT CRICKET CLUB - CLUB ACCOUNTS

MOVEMENT OF FUNDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

	Bank	Cash	Total
	£	£	£
Opening balance at 1st January 2020	19,253	56	19,309
Split between:			
- General a/c	7,132	56	7,188
- Development a/c	12,121		12,121
2019 Cheques banked - Income	0		0
2019 Cheques presented / written back - Expenditure	0		0
2020 Cheques received but not yet banked - Income	0		0
2020 Cheques sent but not yet banked - Expenditure	0		0
Surplus / (deficit) for the year	1,423	(14)	1,409
Closing balance at 31st December 2020	20,676	42	20,717
Split between:			
General a/c	12,120	42	12,162
Development a/c	8,556		8,556

AVONCROFT CRICKET CLUB - CLUB ACCOUNTS

DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT - MEMORANDUM

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

	INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
	2020		2020	
	£	£	£	£
OPENING BALANCE		12,121		
<i>Made up of:</i>				
- Bromsgrove Council Grant		7,400		
- Insurance Claim		1,664		
- General Balance		3,055		
Grants		14,712		21,598
Covid Local Business Grant	10,000			
Sports Council Grant	2,000			
EW Cricket Trust Grant	2,712			
- Single Bay Net			16,500	
- Throwdown Net			1,503	
- New Mower			3,000	
- Mower Repairs			595	
Sponsorship & Donations		3,321		0
- VP & Member Covid Donations	1,821			
- Bournville Trust	500			
- SSP Foundation	1,000			
SUB-TOTAL		18,033		21,598
BALANCE		8,556		
<i>Made up of:</i>				
- Insurance Claim		1,664		
- General		6,892		

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Avoncroft Cricket Club

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2020.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act
- follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Date:

Name:

Philip Ingle