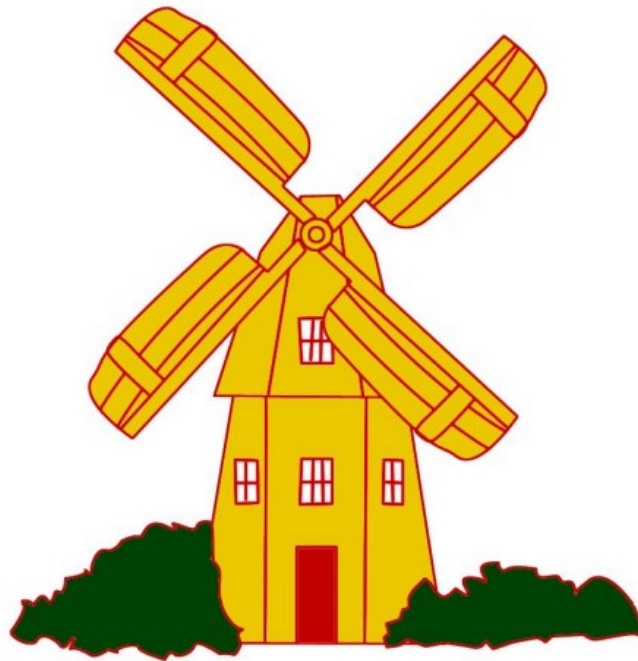


Avoncroft Cricket Club



Annual Report 2022

Season Overview

2022 was a landmark year for Avoncroft Cricket Club with the club celebrating its 75th anniversary, having originally been set up as a social pursuit by members of Avoncroft College in 1947. Events took place throughout the season including a Chairman's XI vs President's CXI T20 game, featuring stars old and new from the club's recent history and a six-a-side festival involving senior and junior players, plus a number of social members.

On the field, the 1st XI produced their strongest season for many years. Perhaps driven on by their 75th anniversary commemorative shirts, the 1sts finished just 18 points off promotion in Division 3, with the season going right down to the wire with promotion still possible until the last ball of the season. The second XI consolidated their position with a mid-table finish in Division 9, although a late season surge thanks to maturing performances from the club's up and coming youngsters hints at good things to come.

The club's biggest success came from their 3rd XI who, having on reformed in 2021, romped to the Division 10 (East) title losing only 1 game all season. Again, it was the mix of youth and experience that did the trick and saw the 3rds achieve promotion into Division 9 for 2023.

Our flourishing junior section continued to expand in 2022, with 8 junior sides from U8s to U15s plus 60 boys and girls joining the All Stars programme meaning that we were again incredibly grateful to the time and effort put in by our junior coaches and helpers to keep the show on the road.

Off the pitch, the club said a massive thanks to Chairman Chris Townsend, who stepped down from his leadership role and welcomed Mark Whitehead into the hot seat. Having given an incredible service to the club in various roles over 30+ years, members were pleased to hear that Chris was maintaining his role as assistant groundsman, meaning his support and sage advice would still be seen around at the John Sutcliffe Memorial Ground.

1st XI Review

2022 saw a significant upturn in fortunes for the 1st XI who ,after narrowly avoiding relegation in 2021, almost clinched an unexpected promotion after a series of batting displays never before seen at Avoncroft.

Over the course of the season, the 1sts failed only once to post 300 runs in an innings at what became a fortress of a home ground with four batters in particular having historic seasons. Dan Elliott narrowly missed out on becoming the first Croft batter in our 75 year history to reach 1000 league runs for the season, finishing with 966 runs at an average of 74. New signing Will Baker would have reached the same landmark if he'd joined earlier than the midpoint of the season, but his record of 835 runs at 93 possibly marks the most impressive individual set of results in the club's history. Not to be outdone, Duncan Roke (590 runs at 74) and captain Josh Cound (786 runs) could also lay claims to individual stats that would have led the side in any normal year!

No review of the season would be complete without a special mention for Al Brunt who posted the 2nd highest individual score in the club's history, smashing 200 not out against a Redditch side that finished 2nd in the league. Whilst the bowling was not so monumental, leg-spinner Alex Richardson ran away with the plaudits thanks to his 40 wicket season, the most by a Croft spinner in 15 years.

DIVISION THREE - 2022.

Worcestershire County League

SHARE  

POS	TEAM	P	w24	wc24	w20	wc20	wd10	wd8	ds1	t	ld2	ld2*	l24	lc24	l20	lc20	a	c	BatP	BowlP	Pen	R/W	W	Pts
▲ 1	Netherton CC, Worcs - Saturday 1st XI	22	5	0	9	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	1	26	18	1	14.06	14	376
▲ 2	Redditch CC - 2nd XI	22	3	0	9	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	4	0	0	1	24	21	1	9.36	12	321
3	Barnards Green CC - 2nd XI	22	3	0	9	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	4	0	0	2	24	22	0	11.77	12	318
4	Avoncroft CC - 1st XI	22	3	0	7	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	6	0	1	1	31	30	0	14.85	10	303
5	Stourbridge CC - 2nd XI	22	2	0	7	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	6	0	0	2	32	25	0	2.49	9	285
6	Martley CC - 1st XI	22	3	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	7	0	0	1	29	23	2	1.92	10	271
7	Old Elizabethans CC, Worcs - 2nd XI	22	3	0	6	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	8	0	1	1	28	21	0	0.47	9	263
8	Brockhampton CC - 2nd XI	22	1	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	8	0	0	1	27	29	0	-2.42	9	249
9	Feckenham CC - 1st XI	22	0	0	7	0	2	1	0	0	2	0	3	0	6	0	0	1	42	30	0	-4.79	7	249
10	Old Vigornians CC - 1st XI	22	1	0	7	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	4	0	6	0	0	2	29	29	16	-6.4	8	226
▼ 11	Old Hill CC - 2nd XI	22	3	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	9	0	0	2	35	23	0	-6.94	7	224
▼ 12	Coombs Wood CC - 2nd XI	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	7	0	13	0	0	1	36	22	0	-42.69	0	65

2nd XI Review

The 2nd XI maintained their recent record of mid-table finishes, with 7 wins and 9 losses resulting in a 7th place finish, but just 11 points off the table half of the table.

By comparison to the 1sts, runs didn't flow quite so freely in the 2nd XI, but there were still several impressive performances with Chris Pitt scoring 325 runs at 81, and veterans Jon Brunt, Mark Whitehead and Jon Bird all averaging over 30.

The bowling honours were a much more youthful affair, with 14 year old Ben Huxley posting an incredible season with 34 second team wickets. He was followed in the bowling ranks by Ben Athey and Matt Croal, with the top 3 wickets takers all under 16 years of age.

DIVISION NINE (CENTRAL) - 2022.

Worcestershire County League

SHARE  

POS	TEAM	P	w	wcn	t	l	lcn	c	a	BatP	BowlP	Pen	NRR	W	Pts
1	Cookhill CC - 1st XI	18	16	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2.46	17	345
2	Droitwich Spa CC - 3rd XI	18	15	0	0	3	0	0	0	11	8	0	1.96	15	319
3	Harborne CC - Worcs Lge 4th XI	18	10	1	0	6	0	1	0	12	35	0	0.09	11	272
4	Redditch CC - Redditch Entaco 3rd XI	18	10	0	0	6	0	2	0	14	21	0	0.58	10	245
5	Himbleton CC - 2nd XI	18	8	0	0	10	0	0	0	23	38	0	0.28	8	221
6	Old Elizabethans CC, Worcs - 4th XI	18	7	1	0	9	0	1	0	25	31	4	0.41	8	217
7	Avoncroft CC - 2nd XI	18	7	0	0	9	0	2	0	26	34	0	0.22	7	210
8	Chaddesley Corbett CC - 3rd XI	18	5	0	0	10	2	1	0	12	47	30	-1.42	5	134
9	Hagley CC - 3rd XI	18	2	0	0	16	0	0	0	37	47	0	-2.75	2	124
10	Astwood Bank CC - 4th XI	18	3	0	0	14	1	0	0	22	21	15	-2.3	3	88

3rd XI Review

Even the most optimistic of Croft members would have struggled to predict the success of the club's 3rd XI in 2022. In only their second season back in existence, the 3rds won 12 games and lost only 1 over the course of the season to be crowned Division 10 (East) champions.

Jason Patel took the captaincy reins for the first time, and his leadership skills were evident from the start as he gelled his group of older stalwarts and young bucks to 4 early season wins before suffering their only defeat of the league season to Halesowen by 14 runs. His side jumped right back on the horse after that, going unbeaten for the rest of the season to finish 28 points ahead of nearest rivals Old Halesonians and take the title.

Phil Seers top scored across the season with 265 runs, but the majority of the lifting was done by Croft's junior stars. 15 year old Joe Neeson led the batting with 240 runs at an average of 30, whilst 13 year olds Ben Athey and Callum Hooper also played telling contributions – Ben averaging over 20 whilst Callum posted his first senior 50 in a win over Pedmore. These 2 youngsters also led the way with the ball, with Callum leading the averages with 14 wickets at just 9 runs per wicket, with Ben not far behind (10 wickets at 13). Juniors Fin Morris and Pete Smith also excelled with the ball, giving their captain the youngest and most potent bowling line up in the league!

DIVISION TEN (EAST) - 2022.

Worcestershire County League

SHARE  

POS	TEAM	P	w	wcn	t	l	lcn	c	a	BatP	BowlP	Pen	R/W	W	Pts
1	Avoncroft CC - 3rd XI	14	10	2	0	1	0	1	0	3	4	0	9.02	12	252
2	Old Halesonians CC - 1st XI	14	9	1	0	3	0	1	0	3	16	0	8.52	10	224
3	Halesowen CC - 6th XI	14	7	1	0	5	0	1	0	8	16	0	2.61	8	189
4	Redditch CC - Redditch Entaco 4th XI	14	5	1	0	6	0	2	0	10	16	0	3.86	6	156
5	Cookhill CC - 2nd XI	14	6	0	0	6	1	1	0	11	18	15	3.16	6	139
6	Pedmore CC - 4th XI	14	6	0	0	5	2	1	0	9	9	30	-1.51	6	113
7	Five Ways Old Edwardians CC - 3rd XI	14	1	0	0	11	1	1	0	18	43	15	-18.89	1	71
8	Feckenham CC - 3rd XI	14	2	0	0	9	1	2	0	17	18	15	-16.8	2	70

Treasurer's Report 2022

2022 continued the club's strong trend of financial stability over recent years, with the club posting another surplus despite continuing with a programme of investment in both facilities and ground equipment. The Accounts are attached to this report, however the key points in summary are as follows:

- The club made a surplus of £2,133, with income increasing to £35,396.
- The day-to-day general account shows the growing income from the club bar, which contributed over £9,281 in profit for the club. Fundraising increased off the back of the club's 75th anniversary celebrations, with £7,600 being raised in addition to sales of £3,750 of the club's anniversary shirts. This funding enabled the club to support the areas of investment set out below, as well as funding the fees related to an extension of the club's lease for a further 13 years, helping to stabilise the club's future.
- The club's development account shows the main areas of investment in 2022, which included:
 - o £2,132 on electrical works
 - o £2,897 on internal and external furniture, funded by and England and Wales Cricket Board grant
 - o £900 on new carpets
- The club's success with its day-to-day finances meant that a development account balance of nearly £8000 was set aside for further investment priorities in 2023.

AVONCROFT CRICKET CLUB - CLUB ACCOUNTS

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

	<i>General A/C</i>		<i>Development A/C</i>		TOTAL		TOTAL	
	<i>2022</i>		<i>2022</i>		<i>2022</i>		<i>2021</i>	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
INCOME								
Playing Committee		7,311		0		7,311		5,977
- Subscriptions	3,405				3,405		3,180	
- 1st XI Match Fees	406				406		165	
- 2nd XI Match Fees	355				355		300	
- 3rd XI Match Fees	100				100		378	
- Sunday Match Fees	275				275		265	
- Unallocated / Other Match Fees	2,080				2,080		1,689	
- Indoor League Fees	85				85		0	
- Indoor Nets	605				605		0	
Junior Committee		5,101		0		5,101		6,169
- Subs, Training & Match Fees	5,101				5,101		5,059	
- Grants / Donations							1,000	
- Sale of clothing / equipment							110	
Social & Fundraising Committee		3,752		7,638		11,390		6,828
- Vice Presidents / Donations			480		480		1,506	
- Sponsorship			1,250		1,250		1,800	
- 200 Club			1,520		1,520		1,120	
- Bonus Ball			727		727		916	
- Ground Hire			522		522			
- BBQ			1,973		1,973			
- Clothing	3,752				3,752			
- Other social/fundraising			1,166		1,166		1,486	
Ground & Pavilion Committee		0		2,312		2,312		180
- Capital Grants			2,312		2,312		180	
Bar Committee		9,281				9,281		8,747
TOTAL AVONCROFT CC INCOME		25,445		9,950		35,396		27,901

EXPENDITURE	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Main Committee		5,673		1,608		7,281		4,248
- Loan repayments	1,930				1,930		483	
- Insurance	2,079				2,079		2,079	
- Lease extension			1,608		1,608		0	
- Fire Compliance	67				67		145	
- Licences	575				575		877	
- Pest Control	840				840		440	
- Sundries	182				182		225	
Playing Committee		2,844		0		2,844		1,893
- League Fees	1,528				1,528		787	
- Balls					0		587	
- Trophies / Medals	199				199		69	
- Indoor Nets	527				527		0	
- Ground Hire	590				590		370	
- Other							81	
Junior Committee		1,381		0		1,381		1,662
- League Fees	730				730		51	
- Kit / Equipment	351				351		1,177	
- Trophies	300				300		214	
- Courses					0		220	
Social & Fundraising Committee		4,358		1,107		5,465		177
- Social/fundraising equipment			1,107		1,107		177	
- Clothing	4,358				4,358			
Ground & Pavilion Committee		10,272		5,930		16,202		21,690
- Capital Purchases			5,930		5,930		10,799	
- Ground Rent	341				341		341	
- Ground Work / Expenses	7,066				7,066		5,949	
- Grass Cutting					0		1,840	
- Pavilion Cleaning	280				280		132	
- Pavilion Maintenance / expenses	1,218				1,218		1,099	
- Utilities (Electricity)	564				564		564	
- Utilities (Water)	804				804		967	
Bar Committee						89		0
TOTAL AVONCROFT CC EXPENDITURE		24,529		8,645		33,263		29,671
TOTAL AVONCROFT CC PROFIT / (LOSS) BEFORE INTERNAL TRANSFERS		916		1,305		2,133		-1,769
TRANSFER TO DEVELOPMENT A/C		0		0		0		0
TOTAL AVONCROFT CC PROFIT / (LOSS)		916		1,305		2,133		-1,769

AVONCROFT CRICKET CLUB - CLUB ACCOUNTS

MOVEMENT OF FUNDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

	Bank	Cash	Total
	£	£	£
Opening balance at 1st January 2022	18,915	34	18,949
Split between:			
- General a/c	12,334	34	12,368
- Development a/c	6,581		6,581
2021 Cheques banked - Income	0		0
2021 Cheques presented / written back - Expenditure	0		0
2022 Cheques received but not yet banked - Income	0		0
2022 Cheques sent but not yet banked - Expenditure	0		0
Surplus / (deficit) for the year	1,413	720	2,133
Closing balance at 31st December 2022	20,328	754	21,082
Split between:			
General a/c	12,441	754	13,195
Development a/c	7,886		7,886

AVONCROFT CRICKET CLUB - CLUB ACCOUNTS				
DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT - MEMORANDUM				
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022				
	INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
	2022		2022	
	£	£	£	£
OPENING BALANCE		6,581		
Made up of:				
- General Balance		6,581		
Grants		2,312		2,897
EW Cricket Trust Grant	2,312			
- Tables / Chairs / Parasols			2,897	
Sponsorship & Donations		7,638		5,748
VP & Donations	480			
Bournville Trust	500			
Asda	500			
AR - Shirt sponsorship	250			
200 Club	1,520			
Bonus Ball	727			
Ground Hire	522			
BBQ	1,973		207	
Presidents Evening	540		600	
Other (Raffle, BBQ etc)	626			
Solicitors Fees - Lease extension			1,608	
Carpets			900	
Electrical works			2,132	
Donation to Bob Willis Fund			300	
Transfer from General Account		0		0
SUB-TOTAL		9,950		8,645
BALANCE		7,886		
Made up of:				
- General		7,886		

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 2022.

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: 15th Feb 2023 .

Name:

Philip Ingle