

Tynedale Cricket Club General Committee Annual Report 2020

Well, it goes without saying that 2020 was an extremely difficult year with Covid-19 having a devastating effect on people, businesses, communities and sport. We did however get lots of cricket played both seniors and juniors once we were allowed to get going in June.

The club provided an excellent venue for 'distanced' socialising and was well used by lots of very grateful members and locals. A big thank you to Craig, Clare and the bar and clubhouse team for their efforts to successfully and safely navigate their way through the ever-changing Covid-19 Regulations.

Off the field the club was extremely busy with initiatives to continue to develop and improve facilities at Priors Flat and we are pleased to report the following major projects that were completed or agreed on during the year. We also pleased to receive some financial support through Government Covid-19 Business Grants.

Defibrillator

Thanks to Graeme Robbie who successfully obtained grant funding from Councillor Kennedy to help purchase and installation of a defibrillator which is located at the entrance to the Clubhouse and available for community use. The defibrillator was obtained from The Cricket Club Charity at a discounted price as a part of an ECB initiative. Thanks to Councillor Derek Kennedy for his support in this important addition to facilities.

Perimeter Ball Stop Netting

We have replaced and improved the perimeter ball stop netting and posts at the bottom end of the field running to the house end. This project received financial support for Northumberland County Council's s106 Fund.

New Sight Screens

Thanks again to Councillor Derek Kennedy for his ongoing support, he funded the purchase of two new sight screens.

Ground Levelling Work

We have carried out a lot of consultation about the current state of the outfield, there are a number of areas with some quite extensive undulations that appear to be worsening with time. We have agreed that the outfield will undergo major works at the end of the 2021 cricket season and have secured a significant amount of funding from Northumberland County Council s106 fund for this works.

Mobile Cage

We received a grant from the Tesco Blue Token scheme (we applied a number of years ago) which has allowed us to purchase a second light weight mobile cage ahead of the 2021 season.

I hope that you all appreciate the ongoing efforts off the pitch to continue to develop and improve Tynedale Cricket Club. As a club we have a small number of active members who

work hard behind the scenes however we need more volunteers to make the most of the opportunities available and to ensure the success of the club that is enjoyed by so many. If you can help please do, it could be ground maintenance, catering, helping with admin, looking after a team, helping us get sponsorship. Whatever your skillset or interests there is a role for you.

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