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“The Scoop”

Christmas bulletin from Herefordshire Cricket

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Welcome to the Christmas edition of The Scoop!

Hello everyone and welcome to our last edition of the year before we take a short break over the festive period (For info the office will close on Fri 20th December and

website for contact details. As we head into the home run for 2024, we are delighted to welcome three new Directors to the Board in.....[Click here](#) to read more

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Join Our Team!

In line with the ECB's strategy, Herefordshire Cricket is continuing to focus on ensuring that cricket is accessible for all and truly the most inclusive team sport. Whilst we put together our strategy for the next 4 years of funding, the board have been undertaking a strategic review of the staffing structure and we are now in a position to advertise for three new roles, to take us on our exciting journey. If you or anyone you know, would be interested in the following roles, please click the link to our website for all the details on how to apply.

CRICKET DEVELOPMENT OFFICER WOMEN'S & GIRLS' TO DRIVE AND GROW OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS TO PARTICIPATE IN CRICKET.

- Contract: Full-Time Permanent contract
- Responsible to: General Manager
- Salary: £26,000 per annum, plus benefits

We are looking for a Women and Girls' Development Officer to drive participation in the game from schools into the club network, grow the number of female volunteers within the game and create opportunities for girls to play cricket across Herefordshire in a safe enjoyable environment.

CRICKET PERFORMANCE MANAGER (BOYS PATHWAY)

- Contract: Permanent contract, 30 hours a week
- Responsible to: General Manager
- Salary: £25,000 per annum, plus benefits

Herefordshire Cricket Ltd (HCL) is looking to recruit a highly motivated Cricket Performance Manager to develop and implement a comprehensive training and

NCCA COUNTY X1 COACH AND DEVELOPMENT X1 COACH

- Contract: c 30 days / annum – one year contract renewable
- Responsible to: General Manager
- Salary: £7k

The NCCA Coach for Herefordshire will focus on managing and improving all aspects of Herefordshire NCCA Cricket, and ensure that the best opportunities are available to produce the highest level of cricketer in Herefordshire that we can.

[Job Details Click Here](#)

Community Cricket

Disability Cricket



LORD'S TAVERNERS
Giving young people a sporting chance

We have spent 10 weeks with expert coach Abi Griffiths in Blackmarston School. The school have loved having our coach in their school with teacher Mrs Samuel saying, “Abi is absolutely incredible and she is making a real difference to our children’s accessibility to high quality coaching”.

We have also continued to deliver our Super 1s disability coaching at Point 4. The participants have continued to make lots of progress with their cricket skills, and we are now looking ahead to partnering with Barrs Court School in the coming months to

cricketers and providing a really positive environment for them to learn and grow as people too.

Our team of coaches will also be working in the speech and language unit at Hampton Dene. As we grow our relationship with the Lords Taverners charity, it means we can work with more and more of our children in the county with disabilities.

Community Programmes Contact [Pete Gale](#)

Women's Softball Indoor Winter League



Our hugely successful women's indoor league will be back in January. This is an extended edition of the 2024 programme with clubs battling it out over 8 weeks of cricket, based at St Marys RC High School in Lugwardine. If you are interested in joining a club and being part of this fun-focused competition, please get in touch and we will happily point you in the right direction. Contact [Pete Gale](#)

School's Cricket: Autumn Term Complete



We have had another extremely busy term in our Herefordshire schools. We have coached cricket in **33 schools over the 14 weeks** since the summer holidays. Our partnership with the Chance to Shine charity has enabled us to coach for FREE in 21 of these schools where we have worked with approximately 2100 children from Reception Class to Year 6. We have provided CPD for 70 teachers in these schools as we try to embed cricket as an established part of the curriculum across the county.

We have also teamed up with Herefordshire Council to create a brand new programme called Boundless Boundaries where we work with schools specifically in the more underserved areas of our county. Again, with the generous contribution from the Council, we have been able to deliver this programme for free.

For more information on schools cricket contact [**Pete Gale**](#)

Christmas Cricket Camp



Pathway News

County Age Groups



County Age Group Cricket

At the end of the summer Richard Skyrme stood down as Head of Herefordshire's Performance Programme. We would like to provide the following direction and updates around county age group cricket.

In 2024-25 Herefordshire Cricket will run the following programmes:

- U10-11 Development Squad
- U12 County Age Group
- U14 County Age Group
- U16 County Age Group
- U18 County Age Group
- U11 Girls County Age Group
- U13 Girls County Age Group
- U15 Girls County Age Group

The intention behind these changes is to ensure a quality of delivery across all 5 programmes for the boys and 3 for the girls. To bridge the gap from U10/11 Development into U12s and U12s into U14s we will run a combination of fixtures to provide opportunities for all players in relation to their stage and age of development. An example of this would be the games played vs Worcestershire at U11,12 & 13 in 2024 which provided appropriate stretch and challenge where it was needed.

Over the last 12 weeks, we have run some specialist CAG sessions which proved popular with our CAG players old and new. We went straight into trials have selected our final squads who will start training in January. The girls had 4 weeks at Leominster and their training will also start in January.

More news next month on the EPP and CAG Squads for 2025.



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