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# “The Scoop”

## Monthly bulletin from Herefordshire Cricket

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### **Welcome to the October edition of The Scoop!**

With the season now complete we move into that period of brief rest for many and perhaps an end of season holiday and then the routine of work and school for many readers. Here at Pentland Gardens, we have been busy organising the Winter programmes for coaches, school visits, county age group cricketers and our plans for club development. Amidst all this Herefordshire Cricket is coming to the end of its current agreements with ECB .....[Click here](#) to read more

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## Community Cricket

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### Half Term Cricket Camp at St Marys High School

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## Cricket is Not Just For Summer!

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Cricket is not just for summer as the children at Luston Primary School will tell you. Our fabulous Community Coaches have been out and about with the **Chance to Shine** programme and are bringing happiness and fun to many through cricket but don't take our word for it "I just wanted to say a huge thank you to Kate for the fantastic cricket sessions she has led us in over the last few weeks. The students and staff have all thoroughly enjoyed the sessions and have learnt so much from it" Thank you Luston for the great endorsement.

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## Club Corner

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## ICEC Report - One Year On

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# MAKING CRICKET A MORE INCLUSIVE SPORT

ICEC Progress Update  
September 2024

ICEC one year on report has now been published and outlines the latest update on the game's actions to drive equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) across cricket. The update marks one year since the ECB initially responded to the Independent Commission for Equity on Cricket (ICEC) Report.

[Full Report Here](#)

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## Some Things Are More Important than Cricket - by Ian Herbert Wormelow CC

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Back on Saturday 15th June our 2nd XI made the trip to Moccas CC for a Marches League Division 2 match, we won the toss and elected to bowl and at this point there

of delay to our innings as they were awaiting an ambulance for one of our players Neil who had become unwell whilst fielding. The ambulance took Neil to Hereford Hospital where he underwent numerous tests and the medical experts announced he'd had a minor heart attack during the match! After a couple of weeks of rest Neil was well enough to return to work on light duties and was soon back in the full of swing of things.

As a club we were hugely grateful for the help and support we received on that eventful day from Moccas and when we played the return league fixture at Kennel Field in August we made sure every Moccas player had a drink on WCC after the game, as a small thank you from our club to theirs. To me it epitomised what village/recreational cricket is all about, you compete against each other on the pitch but when things take an unexpected turn you are all there for each other.

[Full story here](#)

Ian Herbert  
Chairperson, Wormelow CC

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## Coach Development

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**Core Coach Course 10th, 17th , 24th November and 1st December.  
BOOK NOW!!**

**Bursaries are available for underrepresented groups**

Potential coaches/coaches with a disability

Potential coaches/coaches experiencing financial hardship

### **Herefordshire Cricket Can Also Support You!!**

25% Disc for coaches looking to set up and improve a junior age group programme at their club. Please contact [Kirsty Sockett](#)

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## **Women and Girls Cricket**

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### **Bartestree and Lugwardine CC Presentation Evening**

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Bartestree and Lugwardine CC held their 2024 Presentation Evening recently and for the first time included the awards from their Women's Section. Congratulations to Emily Mellish pictured here who was awarded the Players Player award.

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## Pathway News

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# Richard Skyrme Steps Down from Herefordshire Cricket

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HEREFORDSHIRE Cricket Ltd's Performance Manager Richard Skyrme has decided to step down from his role at the end of the 2024 cricket season. Skyrme, whose role included coaching the Herefordshire National Counties side, has been in post firstly on a part-time and then full-time role since 2018.

"It just feels like the right time to go," said Skyrme who will be 64 later this year. "And it's good to go out on a high after the National Counties side gained promotion back to NCCA Western Division 1 at the end of the season."

"Richard has been a key figure in cricket in Herefordshire for more than four decades," said Herefordshire Cricket's chairman Richard Prime. "He was an outstanding player throughout the 1980s and then became Herefordshire's first captain when we were elected to the Minor Counties Championship in 1992. We're



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## Spotlight on Our Sponsors

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2024 has seen a remarkable upturn in the Counties fortunes in many areas thanks to the investment of a number of local companies into the future of the game in the County. HCL would like to pay tribute in this newsletter to all those who have supported us over the recent months and look forward to a continued strong relationship with each other over the coming months/years and perhaps beyond that.

Read all about how our sponsors have made an impact in this newsletter.

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**Rotherwood Healthcare** is our front of shirt sponsor for the Men's 1st XI over 3 years – white and coloured kit – T20, 50 over and 3-day Cricket – 22 Days of Cricket live streamed across the country at our home and away matches. Kit is provided by **Fearnley Cricket**.

T20 – 3rd in the Group stages – lost in the semi-final play offs.

50 over – 4th in the Group stages

3 Day Cricket – Promoted from Western Division 2 to the top division – Western Division 1.

The investment allows us to keep the match costs for players to a minimum and support their winter coaching sessions at Malvern College as well as travel costs and hosting fees for the matches. Thank you Rotherwood Healthcare.

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**Blackfinch Group** – Front of shirt sponsor for the County Age Group Boys and Girls programme – white and coloured kit – and Sleeve sponsor for the men's team (see above). Kit -**Fearnley Cricket**.

Girls matches – 20 matches (previously we played c3 per season!)

Boys matches – 79 matches completed in a weather affected season.

258 players pulled on the shirt for HCL in 2024 – 59 Female and 187 Male – in 2022 just 183 players pulled on the shirt of which only 21 were female players – this demonstrates the investment programme and its growth. From the EPP – 8 players are getting specialist coaching.

The growth of the Girls CAG programme has been a catalyst for Women's Cricket at Clubs – 6 now playing Softball compared to 2 years ago – one. The investment allows us to keep match costs for families down to 0 as well as provide 2 coaches per game, to work with the players.



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Formus Pro - Sleeve sponsor for the County Age Group Boys and Girls programme – white and coloured kit. Kit is provided by Fearnley Cricket. As outlined above the growth in the Girls game has enabled us to spread the programme further. Our coaches have been out talent IDing and have 15 new girls attending training provided by our coaches who otherwise would not play cricket, 2 of whom have gone straight into the pathway programme. Our U11's have 17 on the pathway, U13's 15 and U15's 21.



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GB Liners support our Coaching Camps and Holiday Schemes – 6 Camps a year delivered in the Holiday Periods for children aged 7-13 at St Marys School, Pentland Gardens and Wormelow CC. 6 Camps per year – 3 Days+ each camp depending on the time of the year. 14 -20 children per day who may otherwise not be introduced to Cricket. Two coaches per camp can now be employed to run the scheme as a result of the investment. 2024 – 25 investment means we may also be able to offer these camps to kids at Cricket Clubs around the county. Kit is provided by [\*\*Fearnley Cricket.\*\*](#)

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A HUGE thank you to our kit supplier @fearnleycricket who supply all the kit for our pathway teams from U11 to the senior side it's great to work with you all and we look forward to doing so again in 2025! #heartofcricket

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