



Proposals for a restructure (10 teams per division), 1pm starts, 35 overs (regional 3), a player loans trial and not re-bowling wides / no-balls (regional divisions) have all been delivered to the Hampshire Cricket League.

The reforms, based on [player feedback](#), have been proposed and seconded by member clubs and co-ordinated by the Clubs and Leagues Working Party.

Players and clubs can discuss the proposals at the **Hampshire Cricket Board AGM 7pm Thursday 1st February at The Ageas Bowl**, with the Hampshire Cricket League AGM due at the same venue a fortnight later.

The league committee will propose 40 overs in all regional cricket and changes to start times (1pm county, 130pm regionals).



Recognise the special ones at your club on Sunday 17th December.

Hundreds of clubs and groups will be linking together to say a **#BigThankYou** to the unsung heroes who give so much back to their communities through volunteering.

The event culminates in the Unsung Hero award at the BBC's Sports Personality of the Year evening.

[Get Your #BigThankYou Club Toolkit](#)



NatWest CricketForce 2018 will take place on 23rd to 25th March with a focus upon supporting the improvement of changing and toilets facilities for women and girls, improving access for disabled people, creating more family friendly function rooms.

Other projects undertaken range from simple paint jobs, sight screen scrubbing and renewed boundary fencing, to brand new changing rooms, function rooms and even a new pavilion - [click here](#) to Register your club and get involved.

Each year the ECB, working in partnership with [Jewson](#), offers cricket clubs the chance to open a Jewson Privilege Account. Registration opens in January 2018 but clubs need to have registered for NatWest CricketForce first.

The Privilege Account provides clubs with the means to improve their cricket facilities through financial support (club deposits £50, ECB adds £150) and preferential rates at Jewson branches nationwide.

Ground Move Forces Sale

Colden Common and Otterbourne CC are moving from their Southern Water home and as a result a number of items (listed below) are for sale.

Contact Geoff Edwards from the club for more information foregeoff@hotmail.co.uk:

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- 2 ton wicket roller - £1500
- All weather strip - £open to offers
- Bag tennis balls £10
- Boundary rope - £50
- Colts Lord's Taverners team kit bags - £offers
- Colts training equipment various: - quick cricket set, katchmatch, shadow practise bats £ make an offer
- Fridge freezer excellent condition £50
- Mobile steel cricket cage x2 - £200 each
- Rebound net - £15
- Score box - £150
- Slip catch cradle - £90
- Spring return stumps x 4 £10 each
- Temporary sight screen - £90
- Wicket brush plus hand scarifier £20
- Wooden picnic tables x 4 £40 each

Winter Verti-Draining

Verti-Draining allows air to permeate the surface into the root system and aids drainage. Message below from Hampshire Cricket groundsman Karl McDermott:



"I will have Keith Exton from [Perfect Pitches](#) down here spiking our squares with his Wiedenmann verti-drain (timing weather dependent). Can you pass details on to local clubs to see if anyone is interested? It's £30 a pitch plus a bit of travel but as he is in the area it won't be significant. Contact Perfect Pitches direct 01476 434057 or karl.mcdermott@ageasbowl.com 07920 452509."



Other (local) companies are also available:



"My company is based in Hedge End and I am a Hampshire supporter.

I offer to verti-drain at £15.00 per wicket with a minimum charge of £100 with discounts for those with more than 10 strips.

I hired my disc seeder to Karl a couple of weeks ago to seed the outfield at The Ageas Bowl."

Keith Petley

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Support, Guidance
and Resources

Sign up to the ECB Club Support newsletter by clicking on the logo above.

An update from the ECB's Data Protection Executive the new **General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)** will appear in a forthcoming edition. It seems likely that there will be implications for professional and voluntary organisations (boards, leagues, districts, clubs) alike.

The Information Commissioner's guidance can be found at:

<https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/data-protection-reform/>

and the Sport and Recreation Alliance have produced a [briefing note](#).



The **new easyfundraising website** is here



Make Christmas shopping work for your club!

easyfundraising allows you to raise unlimited funds, simply from online shopping.

The UK's leading good-cause shopping site gives your members and supporters a free way of generating money for your club.

More than 1,700 clubs have registered with the site to date, raising over £290,000 in free donations.

[Click here](#) to find out how to get started or simply [register](#) your club.



The ECB has been made aware of a fraudulent email scam which has been used to target a number of local cricket clubs across the country.

The ECB understands that certain clubs have been sent what appear to be genuine emails requesting that invoice payments be made to accounts purportedly controlled by legitimate sports companies, such as kit suppliers.

In fact, these are fraudulent emails seeking to defraud clubs into making payments that are not due.

Given the convincing nature of these emails, the ECB recommends that club treasurers authorise all payment requests with their club chairman in person or via a telephone conversation in order to avoid falling foul of this scam.

For more information, please see [Sports England's press release](#) in relation to this ongoing scam.

Should any club be the recipient of any such fraudulent email, the ECB recommends that the club concerned immediately reports it to the Police and [Action Fraud](#).

Sparsholt Cricket Club are using the [Presence](#) app to improve security at their club. It's free and provides cctv style footage via wifi using for example an old tablet or phone handset. Clubs should be aware of current data protection legislation regarding the storage of any footage.

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Please find details of three coaching opportunities this spring (details below), please contact the clubs direct. Coaches will need to provide the club with the following:

- In date DBS (formerly CRB) check
- In date 1st aid
- In date safeguarding qualification
- Individual/club insurance

Alton CC are looking for qualified coaches to fill some gaps in their 2018 colts indoor training provision on Mondays, Thursday and Fridays from January up until Easter. If interested please contact Ms Tozzy Bridger tozzy@sky.com.

Easton & Martyr Worthy CC seeks a Level 2 coach to help with our U9 sessions this Winter. The sessions are planned to run at Princes Mead School on Thursdays 6-7pm, 10 sessions starting 11th Jan, last session 29th March, no session half term February 15th. If interested please contact Frances Skipwith franceskipwith@gmail.com.

Tichborne Park CC are looking to engage one or more paid cricket coaches to run indoor evening training sessions in the Spring term at Perins School in Alresford. There will be sessions on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8th January until 28th March apart from half term week beginning 12th February. If interested in this paid opportunity (some or all days) please contact Pete Spain 07876 104723 or coltstpcc@btinternet.com.



Cricket Development Manager John Cook has been seconded to the ECB South Central region for 1 year to manage Coach Education across six counties (including Hampshire).

John remains the point of contact for Coach Education in Hampshire.

Contact Us

Please note that the office closes at 5pm on Friday 22nd December 2017 and re-opens at 9am on Tuesday 2nd January 2018.

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