



Welcome to Crouch End Cricket Club

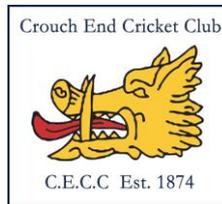
The move to Step 4 in the Government's roadmap means that most restrictions on cricket at the club are now lifted.

The current club guidelines can be found here on the club website: [CLICK HERE](#)

Please remember, you **must not travel to the club** if you have ANY symptoms of COVID-19 or you have been asked to isolate by NHS Test and Trace because you are a contact of a known COVID-19 case, or you have recently travelled from abroad and are in quarantine/self isolation.

You must remain at home.

Below are a few more details about our fantastic club you might find useful...



1) Getting Started

We manage all the club admin through two online systems (Pitchero **Club Website** and the ECB's **Play Cricket** website) that we need you to join, add your details to get registered to play cricket for Crouch End CC.

Details of how we use your data can be found here: [CECC Privacy Policy](#)

To get started you need to follow the instructions below:

Joining the Club Website

- To join the club's website go to: <https://www.crouchendcricketclub.club/> and click the grey 'Join' button at the top.
- Please answer all the questions asked of you.
- When completed this sends a message to one of our website administrators who will confirm your membership.
- You'll also need to confirm your email address by clicking on a website link the website will send you automatically.

Once you have joined you'll then get messages from the club, be able to confirm your availability and see all the news about the club. You may want to do this on a laptop or PC as it's easier to see all the information but you can then use the App or your phone to access it in future.

Joining Play Cricket

Play Cricket is run by the ECB and acts as a big database of all your cricket activity capturing all your performances for past and current clubs. You follow one of two routes:

If you already have a Play Cricket account

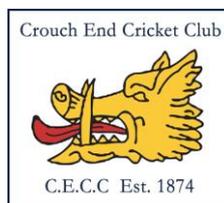
You need to log into Play Cricket here [ECB SSO Portal](#) and then follow the instructions [HERE](#) to join Crouch End's Play Cricket site.

If you don't have a Play Cricket Account

You need to create a log into Play Cricket account here: [ECB Register Page](#)

Once you've done that and signed up to the terms and conditions you should be able to find Crouch End CC and apply to join our Play Cricket site. Please make sure you have confirmed your email address in the email Play Cricket will send you (it might be in your spam/junk folder)

If you get stuck, you can get more information [HERE](#).



2) Crouch End CC - a very brief history and our wonderful setting today....

The club was formerly known as Calthorpe CC and was formed sometime before 1874 in [Calthorpe Street](#) WC1X between Grays Inn Road and Farringdon Road nr Kings Cross station. You can see the Calthorpe estate near there if you're ever up that way. In its original form, the club was mainly associated with the Tufnell (not Phil!) family whose coat of arms included the boars head which still adorns the clubs' badge today. The Tufnell family made their money through dairy and milk farming in the mid-1700s, and the family's manor house used to be located on the site now occupied by the Holloway Odeon on Holloway Road.

The club began playing cricket at our present ground on the Shepherds Cot N8 in the early 1900s, and has remained there ever since. The current pavilion was opened on 10th July 1993 by Clive Lloyd, former West Indies Captain, Reg Scarlett, West Indies test player, and Krish Mackerdhuj, former President of the United Cricket Board of South Africa. We changed the club name in 2003 to Crouch End CC to help attract new members yet retained our historic Calthorpe association by naming our main home ground [the Calthorpe Ground](#).

Our old manual scoreboard was used for the launch of the 'Berliner' size Guardian newspaper and its 12 page sports section in 2005. The electronic scoreboard now in its place was installed in 2017 and demonstrates how our investment is focussed on our playing facilities.

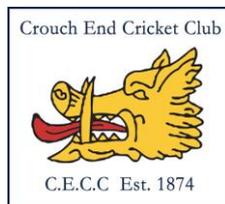
In September 2010, the club was the location for Kevin Pietersen's blindfold cricket viral in which he showed us his famous 'switch hit' prowess in an advert for Brylcreem. The film has attracted almost 300,000 hits on youtube <http://bit.ly/bdbzVe> sending CECC round the world.

Following the receipt of over £40,000 pounds from the Inspired Facilities Fund (part of the £135 million Places People Play legacy programme from the 2012 London Olympics and Paralympics) in July 2012, the pavilion, changing rooms, and outside space were completely refurbished in the winter of 2013. This created a great space to play and practice cricket from whilst also providing a great community resource for Crouch End and the surrounding area.

The 2017 season was perhaps the most successful the club has ever had as the 1st and 2nd teams both achieved promotion (for the 1st time in the club's history) to the Middlesex County Cricket League (MCCL). Indeed, both teams went up as champions. The 3rd team also achieved promotion to Div 1 of the 1987 league.

2018 proved even better with our 1st XI securing promotion to the 2nd Division in the County League, the 4th team also winning promotion, and our Sunday Cup side stunning former champions Ealing in the Royal London Cup.

However, one player put the club on the map with opening bat Jalpesh Vijay breaking 3 league run scoring records in 2018. He hit 1,226 runs (last set in 2007) for the season at an average of 87.57; scoring 6 hundreds, and 12 fifties. Jalpesh was only the third player [in league history](#) to score more than a thousand runs in a season.



2019 was even better with the 1st XI securing promotion to the MCCL premier league for the first time in the club's history. The 2nd team also got promoted to Division 2 of the MCCL and 4th team were also promoted.

For 2020, we had planned to add a 5th XI to our league teams on a Saturday and welcomed our Crouch End CC's Women's team who played their first games for the club, whilst the colts section continued to go from strength to strength.

Despite these challenges the club managed to complete half a season of league and friendly cricket with the 3rd XI completing the season undefeated, and 1st XI defeating the premier Champions Teddington at home. Demand was such that we were able to run 4 league sides, Sunday cup teams, Sunday friendly cricket and an MDL side. The Women's team (Crouch End Women or **the CREW**) played in their first matches for the club remaining undefeated for a good while.

Perhaps the biggest change at the club in 2020, was the club-financed installation of two new hi-spec static nets that have improved the clubs facilities immeasurably meaning that outdoor practice facilities are available all year round (subject to the wearing of multiple layers in winter of course!). The £40k+ investment again demonstrates the management committees commitment to making the club a great cricket community to enjoy and develop in the true 'beautiful game'.

2021 looks an exciting prospect with 176 adult matches scheduled currently, new players galore joining the club, a [club tour](#) in September to Kent, and the exciting prospect of an elite young Antiguan woman joining our player roster.

Our current playing facilities

We own the [Calthorpe Ground](#) that we play our cricket on (1st and 2nd XI home games and club practice).

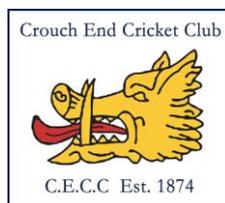
As a fully paid-up member you also have access to a great pavilion, changing facilities, two static nets, two roll on nets, and grass and artificial practice wickets.

The Calthorpe ground is found at Park Road, Crouch End, London N8 8JJ, entrance opposite Park Avenue South. It's easily accessible from Finsbury Park station (overground from Kings X, Circle, Metropolitan, Northern, Piccadilly, and Victoria tube lines) by W7 bus (from Wells Terrace) which drops you near the ground (Hornsey Health Centre stop), a downhill walk from Highgate tube (Northern), 144 bus from Turnpike Lane and Wood Green, and with plentiful car parking.

The 3rd and 4th XIs play their home matches at the Christ's College Dollis Playing Fields, N3 1TD.

The 5th XI play home matches at Peter May Sports Centre, E17 4HR, or Old Elizabethans Memorial Playing Fields EN5 2AG.

Women's and Sunday home matches either take place at the Calthorpe Ground, or Christ's College Dollis Playing Fields, N3 1TD.



3) Club Officers

Captains for the 2021 season elected at the AGM are:

1st XI Captain, Sunday Cup Games, and Club Captain – Hiren Desai
1st XI Vice Captain – Pratik Patel

2nd XI Captain – James Jenkins
2nd XI Vice Captain – Dilan Wanniarachchi

3rd XI Captain – Oliver Day
3rd XI Vice Captain – Syed Shah

4th XI Captain – Keith Alexander
4th XI Vice Captain – Shiva Dindyal

5th XI Captain – Richard Yorke

Sunday XI Captain (Friendly) – Mark Sandler
Sunday XI Vice Captain (Friendly) – Felix Middleton and Rob Russell

Women's (**CrEW**) Captain – Monika Temple
Women's (**CrEW**) Vice Captain – Emma Whiteman

Names and contacts for other main club roles can be found via the [website](#) or on the club noticeboard.

4) Subs

As a private members club you can only play for the club and use its facilities if you have paid your subs. Subs are also an important income stream for the club that helps us pay our insurance bill, buy match balls, and fund key pitch maintenance or hire for matches. By paying your subs will also mean you are covered by the club's insurance policy.

Rates for 2021 were agreed at the AGM in January - you can view the minutes [here](#)

In summary, the rates for 2021 are:

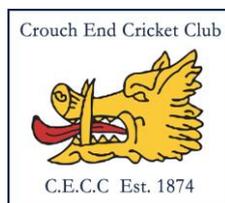
Adults £180

Women and Concessions £90

Club Supporter (non-playing) £65

Subscription payments were now due and members should contact Club Secretary Simon Tanner on simon_tanner_calthorpe@yahoo.co.uk to arrange payment.

Club Induction Pack 2021 version.



We also offer a discount for new members in their first full year of joining the club, please speak to Simon Tanner, Club Secretary about this.

Details of Junior Membership and Subscriptions can be found here:

[Junior Membership is OPEN \(crouchendcricketclub.club\)](http://crouchendcricketclub.club)

Following the commitments last year, you are able to carry over 50% of any full subscription fee paid (£85 for full payment and £42.50 for concessions), though the committee would ask given the financial challenges faced by the club we ask that you consider donating this to the club and pay the full relevant fee due for 2021.

We're happy for you to set up a regular direct debit to spread the cost (perhaps £30 per month for 6 months for the full fee) though the club would value the immediate income if you are able to pay the full fee. Bank details for payments are below:

Please put Your Initial Surname and Subs as the reference

Sort Code 20 58 51

Acc No: 00228796

Account name: Crouch End Cricket Club

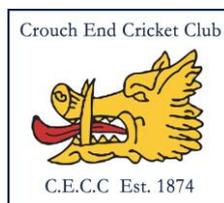
If you are at all worried about paying your subs you **MUST** get in contact with Simon to discuss what arrangements might be possible. We are happy to make arrangements, though we can only do this if you contact Simon.

You are able to earn back some of your subs payments, or work some off by helping out a private functions we hold in the bar, or undertaking some work on the ground or in the pavilion. So, by working a full event you are able to earn back £25 per function you work. We will send out emails for events inviting volunteers to help work the bar so get your name in. You can easily work two events by committing just two Saturday evenings between April and September.

Subs are due from 2nd January each year and **payment arrangements must be organised by the 1st May 2021** and you need to speak to Simon Tanner to sort out arrangements to pay your subs. You can pay by cash, cheque (payable to Crouch End Cricket Club), or by direct debit.

We are happy to agree payment arrangements (regular monthly amounts for instance), but these can only be agreed with Simon before the end of July 2020 (or later depending when you join the club).

If you don't pay then the selection committee will be advised and **you will be prevented from playing** until you have reached a payment agreement.



5) Match Fees

Match Fees are payable for every game you play and are due for payment to the captain of his nominated collector at the end of the game. Match fees cover

- Cost of teas.(not applicable in 2020)
- Umpires.
- Ground hire (if applicable).
- Match balls
- Contribution to club costs including insurance and clubhouse and ground maintenance.

The fee is **£10 for adults (men's) where no tea is provided, £15 if tea is provided, and £5 for concessions and women's matches.**

It is important that you make sure you **arrive at the game with the correct match fee and that you pay on time**. Due to Covid arrangement **you must make cashless payments** as advised by your captain. Arrears could prevent your selection for future games. If you have any problems about match fees you must speak with Simon.

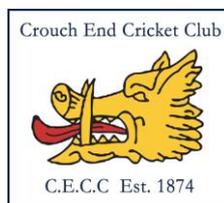
Subs and match fees are summarised in the Table below:

Membership Category	2021	
	Subs	Match Fees
Adults (Over 18)	£180	£10 £15 if tea provided
Adults (new joiners)	£130	£10 £15 if tea provided
Concessions	£90	£5
Concessions (new joiners)	£65	£5
Women	£90	£5
Social (Club Supporter)	£65	£10 one off.
Subs due for Payment by 1st May 2021		

Note: Concessions and Social must be agreed with Club Secretary.

Payment arrangements also to be agreed with Club Secretary

Ratified at 2021 AGM, 26th January 2021.



6) Availability and Selection

We operate a very simple system that requires you to take responsibility for letting captains about your availability each week.

This involves using the Pitchero App to log your availability for each game, you can do this for a whole season or on a game by game basis. Fixtures are available on the App, on the club website [here](#), and on the Clubs Play Cricket website [here](#) where ground address details can be found.

You will need to download the App which you can access [here](#).

Once downloaded it will ask you to log in if you have already joined the club website, alternatively you can set up a new Pitchero account and then link to Crouch End CC. Once set up you can select teams to follow and you'll be able to see their fixtures and indicate your availability for some, or all of the games.

For each weekend you will need to confirm your availability **by 5pm at the least on the Monday before the game**.

From these replies the Match Secretary /Women's Vice Captain collates a long list of all available players. The selection committee (Captains and Match Secretary) meets virtually Monday and Tuesday evening to select sides from this list - they consider form, side composition, practice attendance, and subs payments.

Teams will then be confirmed via the App by 12 noon on Wednesday.

We expect players to play for the teams they are selected for as the club only succeeds if all sides are doing as well as they can.

We expect you to play for the team you are selected for, if you have any concerns about selection you should speak to the relevant captain or the Match Secretary.

FOR MEN'S CRICKET ONLY: if you are unable to play after selection is made you need to **ring Omar Khan (07956 484 692, not email)** to let him know as soon as possible, so a replacement can be found. If you drop out after 8pm on a Thursday the club will **reserve the right to charge you the full match fee**.

FOR WOMEN'S CRICKET ONLY: Emma Whiteman (Women's Team Vice Captain) is the main contact about availability and selection for matches.

7) Practice/Nets

Practice is an important part of player development. It takes place at the club from 6pm every Wednesday during the season (late April - mid September) till it gets dark. 1st team practice takes place on Thursday evenings with players actively encouraged to attend both practice sessions.



We structure the sessions so you can work on all aspects of your game (batting, bowling, fielding/keeping) so that you can improve and therefore enjoy your cricket more throughout the season.

1st and 2nd team players are expected to attend a majority of sessions during the season, but we encourage everyone to make the effort to attend what are enjoyable sessions that give you a chance to meet other club members outside the usual weekend arrangements. Masterclass sessions are available as are the opportunity to book private sessions with Simon Jackson (Level 3 coach).

8) [Match Days](#)

Wet Weather

Whatever the weather you must **always assume that a scheduled game is ON**, irrespective of how much rain, snow or hail you think has fallen out of the sky. Conditions at different grounds vary wildly and we will get notice from the opposition if games are off. As a club we always try our absolute best to make sure games go ahead. If the game is off we will send emails, and post an update on the website, and Tweet via @simon_tanner @crouchendcc that the game is off.

On the very rare occasions where the game is abandoned after starting, you may still be expected to pay a match fee as we will still have to pay for tea, umpires, balls, pitch hire. This doesn't tend to happen very often so sometimes it's just the luck of the draw.

Meet times

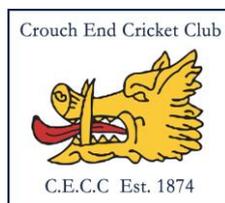
These are **very** important. They have been identified to allow enough time to get to away games, warm up and prepare effectively. Please make a note of these from the team sheet on a Thursday and allow yourself plenty of time to get to the ground. If you are delayed please phone the captain.

[Coming Back to the Club](#)

Please try to come back to the club after games. It's better to put money behind our bar than another club's as you see the direct benefits of all our profits reinvested back into our club. Kelly and Robbie would love to see you. This has meant we've been able to invest in:

- Roll on net.
- New scoreboard.
- New roller for the square.
- New wicket cutter.
- New static nets.

Each month we'll have a **last Saturday social** where we like to get all the teams together and present the player of the month awards for each team. These usually have a BBQ and are a great way to get to know other members, outside your team. Arrangements for these may change under Covid playing arrangements.



9) Juniors

A Juniors section now runs on Wednesday and Friday nights from 4.15pm at the club. This is managed by Kelly Minett. Simon Jackson and our coaching team oversee all the coaching.

We are always looking for members to help out with coaching and if you want to make a long term commitment to this we can look at getting you on the appropriate coaching courses, DBS/CRB checks done, and other development opportunities. If interested in helping out just ask Kelly, or speak to Simon.

10) Safeguarding and Code of Conduct

The club first achieved Clubmark in November 2014, and renewed it in 2018, which is the ECB's quality mark for cricket clubs. This requires that we ensure that all club members pay attention to everyone involved in club activities who is under the age of 18. By being a member, you are signed up to adhering to the club constitution and codes of conduct for adults and young people. You must also make yourself aware of the ECB's Safe Hands Policy.

You can find copies of these document [here](#).

Copies of all these documents can also be found on the club noticeboard as you come into the clubhouse, or you can ask Simon Tanner, Club Secretary to email you another copy.

You will have been emailed a copy of these documents upon joining the club. If you have any questions on this please don't hesitate to ask a member of the management committee - photographs of these people can also be found on the club noticeboard.

11) Hiring Club Facilities

Club members are able to hire the ground for cricket matches (Mon-Thurs only) and the pavilion for private parties. We also encourage members to tell friends, family, and business associates about opportunities to use the ground and pavilion for cricket, sporting events and social functions. We can offer a range of packages that include food (cricket tea, curry etc) and refreshments including the bar. Currently, we have longstanding cricket bookings from the London Stock Exchange, Hammonds solicitors, BDO Stoy Hayward. If you want to make a cricket booking speak to Simon, for private parties please speak to Kelly or Robbie, Bar Managers.



12) Volunteering

We are a club that is run by its members and we rely on volunteers to get many jobs done. There is always something that can be done ranging from:

- putting out the boundary flags.
- moving the sightscreens.
- putting out the stumps.
- Scoring.
- litter picking.
- setting up the scoreboard.
- writing match reports.
- helping collect glasses when the bar is open.
- Moving the bins on a Wednesday night.

If you are not sure ask and see how you can contribute to club. Of course, there are other bigger roles such as helping out with the colts, organising fixtures, reporting results, contacting the press. People in these roles would always value some help. So just put yourself forward and we'll see what you can do.

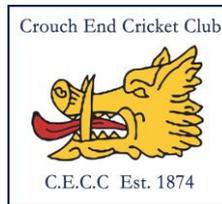
We can also arrange for access to scoring and umpiring courses organised by the Middlesex Cricket Board and provide access to special membership offers and tickets for Middlesex CCC matches.

13) Website

Our website gives you access to a whole range of information on the club including averages, match reports, all the fixtures. All away game details will be included in the calendar showing the ground address, start time and meet time. Some content is restricted to club members so you will have to register to join. Once registered you'll be able to add your own content through the forum including your own comments on games and photos.

The website is at: www.crouchendcricketclub.club/ - to join click the grey 'Join' button at the top of the page.

You can also club kit - shirts, trousers, jumpers, training gear, bags through Bhavik Patel. All come with personalised embroidery and will be collected from the club. You can also buy vouchers from the website to purchase kit.



14) Social Media

We have a **Twitter** account [@crouchendcc](#) which you can follow for the most up to date information on the club or follow [@simon_tanner](#). By using the #crouchendcc tag you can get your tweets featured on the club website to update other members on the progress of games you are taking part in.

There is also a club Instagram account that you can access [here](#).

There is also a club member WhatsApp account.

Any Questions?

If you have any questions then please don't hesitate to contact Simon Tanner simon_tanner_calthorpe@yahoo.co.uk