



LECHLADE CRICKET CLUB IS PICKING UP PACE

Lechlade Cricket Club's new season is off to a flying start with a range of brand new equipment secured through a number of successful grant funding applications.

Gloucestershire Community Foundation, Cotswold District Cricket Association, Lechlade Town Council and Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association have all provided funding or interest free loans and the club is expecting another round of successful funding applications by the end of April.

The Cricket Club has also been working with experts at grant funding specialist Sports Solutions GB, who have been able to provide valuable advice to secure this funding, using their experience working with community sports clubs across the country.

At this stage, the club has purchased a new bowling machine, mobile cricket nets and youth cricket coaching kit, but this is only the beginning; Lechlade's ambitious development plans will focus on two areas: firstly developing the youth sides of the club and secondly renovating the pavilion, for greater use by the wider local community.

Nigel Pearce, Development Officer for the club said: "We are working very hard to become a fully accredited ECB Clubmark club and we are really keen to attract more organisations to the site and to get local kids involved in the sport, but at the moment our facilities are not adequate.

"Already we have one more youth team than last year, but by next year we would like to have four teams playing at our ground. Cricket really is a great sport which develops a range of skills from teamwork to coordination so we are eager to provide these opportunities to as many people as possible.

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“The local community is very supportive of our plans, which is great news, and we are very grateful for all the support offered by the grant organisations.

“We are also fortunate to be working with Sports Solutions GB, which has helped us get this far and we hope will continue to work alongside us until the fulfilment of our plans.”

James Coney, project development manager at Sports Solutions GB said: “Lechlade Cricket Club is a great example of a club that is trying to expand and become an integral part of the community. We are optimistic that further funding will be achieved and that this, with the clubs own fundraising events, will enable the club to achieve its ambitious plans.”

The club is currently seeking new members of any age – please contact Paul Rowley if you are interested on 07967 480 666.

A race night fundraising event has been organised for 20th March at New Inn Hotel, Lechlade – tickets are available from the club.

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