



England and Wales Cricket Board - Case Study - NatWest CricketForce Another Way Demonstrating Best Practice and Impact within Community Cricket Development

Apperley Cricket Club - Gloucestershire

Geographic Details

County Cricket Board	Gloucestershire
County Sports Partnership	Gloucestershire
District Development Group(s)	Cheltenham and District
Local Education Authority	Tewkesbury
Project Start Date	1999
Project Completion Date	On-going
Funding Streams	Gloucestershire Community Feedback Service
Location	Rural
IMD Ranking	20 – 100 % band
Clubmark Status	Accredited
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Quantitative and Qualitative Detail

Background

Apperley Cricket Club, Apperley Village Hall, Deerhurst Parish Playing Fields Association, Deerhurst Parochial Council (all organisations within the Parish of Deerhurst) have formed an excellent working relationship with the Community Payback teams. Usually arriving under strong supervision on Saturdays, teams of up to six offenders with an Unpaid Work Order have successfully undertaken a large array of projects.

Aims and Objectives

At Apperley CC there is always work to do around the pavilion, storage sheds, outfield, hedges and fences. There are never enough volunteers to do this sometimes tedious work. Our Club has limited finances and therefore the Community Payback teams have proven invaluable in their work and achievements.

Main partners involved

By providing free labour (the Club provide the materials) the Community Payback teams have worked on various projects including: painting (pavilion, storage sheds, sightscreen frames), carpentry inside the pavilion, laying a path at the back of the pavilion, score box base preparation and concrete laying, boundary fencing, style assembly, building a pentanque (30 tons of hard core levelling), levelling of land for nets, laying of an electric cable to the nets (for the bowling machine), clearing up the outfield ready for mowing and general on going & helpful maintenance work.

Main partners involved

- Gloucestershire Community Feedback Service

Key factors for good practice

- Providing a suitable toilet and dry area for the rest periods
- It is advisable to have a Club Member present with the team(s) for sensible periods to ensure reasonable project management and ongoing liaison with the supervisor(s)

What is still to be achieved?

- Is the Firth of Forth Bridge ever completed? There is always work to be done and we will continue to request assistance from this Service

What mechanisms are in place to ensure sustainability?

- From nearly a decade of success we like to believe that we will continue to enjoy the benefits of our relationship with the Service by friendly liaison

Monitoring and Evaluation process

- Our Club has been able to maintain its facilities to satisfactory levels due to the good standards of supervised Service work. Progress can be slow if compared with commercially or professionally driven equivalent numbers of personnel, however, it has always been finished to the Club's satisfaction and in a timely manner

The Club has been very grateful for the assistance given and commend the Service to others considering similar objectives

Headline Figures and Statistics

- 1 Attendance: Saturdays (sometimes Sundays) from about 10.00 am to 3.30 pm
- 2 Supervised Teams of between three to eight personnel, some with good qualifications for specialist work, arrive with suitable equipment for the work selected
- 3 Over the years, we have completed many projects which would have been unlikely to have been undertaken by Club Members and/or volunteers
- 4 Money has been saved by the work done and maintenance carried out
- 5 We like to believe that we have contributed to the Service's agenda and are pleased to 'advertise' their availability and record

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