



England and Wales Cricket Board – Case Study  
Demonstrating Best Practice and Impact within Community Cricket  
Development.

NatWest CricketForce 2010 Chesterfield Barbarians CC Derbyshire

**Geographic Details.**

<b>County Cricket Board</b>	Derbyshire
<b>County Sports Partnership</b>	Derbyshire
<b>District Development Group(s)</b>	North Derbyshire Cricket Development Group
<b>Local Education Authority</b>	Derbyshire
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<b>Clubmark Status</b>	Not registered
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**Quantitative and Qualitative Detail.**

**Background.**

The club participated in Nat West Cricket Force in 2009 and 2010.

On the face of it many of the things achieved still happened in much the same way in earlier seasons, without it being called “Cricket Force”.

However, we noticed that the number of volunteers increased dramatically in 2010.

This may have been because we kept stressing the “Cricket Force” theme when publicising what we were going to do, although it may have simply been simply that we publicised it better than ever before.

### **Aims and Objectives.**

For 2010 we set the following objectives

Flattening and re-seeding of damaged area of the outfield.  
Covering hedge with netting to prevent loss of balls during practice.  
Cleaning and Tidying the pavilion and changing areas.  
Repair of damaged net "protecting" nearby houses  
Erecting nets (including cleaning the matting)

Use of Heavy Roller on square and outfield

### **Main achievements to date.**

We decided to have our main cricket force weekend on Easter weekend rather than the weekend before which was the official Cricket Force weekend. This was a disaster simply because of the weather. However we managed to get the use of the heavy roller on the following weekend and managed to keep it going for the whole two days.

The other jobs were done in the rain on the original weekend apart from two. These two jobs could not have been done in such weather conditions but we did secure volunteers to do them later in April.

We also identified the need for a plumber to fix the water supply (now resolved), which might otherwise have caught us out on the first day of the season.

During the weekend, two parents (who weren't existing junior helpers) came forward, offering to run a junior team each.

### **Main partners involved.**

We didn't have any partners in 2010, but it is worth mentioning here (because it might be useful for other clubs) that in 2009 we had the help of the "Payback" unit (local probation service). They sent a supervised team of people (as part of their community service) to dig out a channel to connect a water supply to the pavilion and gents toilets.

As I understand it such a service is available for free to any "community" club, it is just a case of asking for it and giving sufficient notice.

We may well use them again later in the year, as we need to do something about the drainage near one of the boundaries.

### **Key factors for good practice.**

Next year I will be giving a lot more advance thought to what jobs children can help with. We had a significant number who turned up, but most of the jobs were "adult" jobs. Only afterwards did I realise that there were in fact several jobs that the children could have done.

### **What is still to be achieved?**

Specifically there are some outstanding tasks.

More importantly we need to continue to engineer a culture where more people come forward to volunteer. I am thinking of introducing a "volunteer application form" to encourage this.

### **What mechanisms are in place to ensure sustainability?**

I think that it's hard to ensure that something like this is sustainable, at any given time it is reliant on volunteers coming forward. However, we have a few ideas that may help.

Firstly I am intending putting up (in the pavilion) pictures of the cricket force weekend together with a list of people who helped, also a list of people helping with other things on an ongoing basis. The idea is to make sure that people's efforts are recognised and also that those who don't help are aware that others do.

Secondly I am looking for a "volunteer coordinator". I think it is too big a job to be included in the remit of the secretary.

### **Monitoring and Evaluation process.**

I am now keeping records of the help that we get.

### **Headline Figures and Statistics.**

<b>1</b>	Far more volunteers coming forward to help than ever before.
<b>2</b>	Most of the work that we wanted doing pre-season is now done
<b>3</b>	We have volunteer managers and helpers now for 6 junior teams, plus also a group of people who will run our 4 Kwik cricket teams

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