



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

(Whittington Wanderers Cricket Club NatWest CricketForce)

Geographic Details. **Brearley Park, Old Whittington, Chesterfield, Derbyshire**

County Cricket Board	Derbyshire		
County Sports Partnership			
District Development Group(s)	N E Derbyshire		
Local Education Authority			
Project Start Date	27 th March 2010		
Project Completion Date	10 th April 2010		
Funding Streams	Self funded, sponsorship, 'easyfundraising'		
Location (Inner-city/Urban/Rural)	Urban		
IMD Ranking			
Clubmark Status	Not registered		
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Quantitative and Qualitative Detail.

Background.

Whittington Wanderers CC are based at Old Whittington, Chesterfield, Derbyshire. Our ground is Council-maintained but the club own the pavilion. The pavilion (being in a public park) suffers considerable damage and the club routinely has a Working Party every year in an attempt to ensure the security of the facility. The Club does have players from the local neighbourhood, including several juniors, but is somewhat hampered by the constant investing of resources into maintaining a building, thus preventing building a sustainable programme of junior and development cricket.

Aims and Objectives.

For Cricketforce weekend this year (2010) the club highlighted the need to make repairs to the pavilion in the form of pointing, extra security meshing on doors and repairs to the flat roof. On the interior, painting was needed, it not having been done since 2007. The building was also to be generally cleaned and tidied in readiness for the season and some preparatory work was to be done on the wicket.

Main achievements to date.

The pointing was completed. Steel meshing was welded over the doors to prevent further vandalism. Cleaning of the kitchen, changing rooms, shower block, tea room and toilets was done. The interior of the pavilion was given an initial coat of paint. Publicity photos were taken for the new club sponsor.

Main partners involved.

A retired local builder did the pointing for us. Barrow Hill Engine Sheds did the welding on the doors. A local printing firm is sponsoring the club providing valuable income. Club members completed the other tasks.

Key factors for good practice.

Publicity for the event and the club sponsor. Support from club members and local community.

What is still to be achieved?

The repairs to the roof could not be effected due to lack of equipment. The aforementioned retired builder has said he will source what is required and make the repair (hopefully in drier conditions!). The pavilion interior needs a second coat of paint, players are returning on 10th April to complete this. Wet conditions prevented any work on the wicket and it is hoped this can be done on 10th April as well.

What mechanisms are in place to ensure sustainability?

The club is entirely self-funded. The club has made good use of Easyfundraising.com as a valuable income stream and has also registered as a CASC. We have made contact with the Council regarding the club's predicament via a usefully-worded letter from the NE Derbys Development Group but as yet we have had no response. The club itself is now in contact with the grounds maintenance team with a view to improving the wicket. More volunteers are coming forward to take on tasks that will ensure the club's longer-term viability, for instance looking at sources of funding. The club will continue to field 2 Saturday XI's and a Midweek XI for a 6th consecutive season and has secured a club sponsor for the 2010 season.

Monitoring and Evaluation process.

The state of the building will be monitored on a twice-weekly basis now with the commencement of the season. The club will continue to evaluate their future progress by regular committee meetings.

Headline Figures and Statistics.

1	Sponsor found for 2010 season.
2	Facility secure and habitable for the coming season.
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