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NatWest CricketForce 2008

1375 clubs

85,000 volunteers

£35-40 million investment

**FINAL NO. OF
CLUBS
REGISTERED:**

1375

NatWest CricketForce 2008

We'd like to say a huge thank you to every single club that took part in NatWest CricketForce 2008. A massive 1375 clubs took part with the help of 85,000 volunteers, generating £35-40 million worth of investment in cash and kind contributions. Well done to you all!! Here are a few of the clubs that got involved.



Curry Rivel CC, Somerset



Clumber Park CC, Nottinghamshire



Newcastle CC, Northumberland



Bury CC, Lancashire



Wokingham CC, Berkshire

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NatWest CricketForce Evaluations

Remember remember the NatWest CricketForce evaluations!!! It's absolutely fantastic that 1375 cricket clubs took part this year but now we want you all to tell us about your event so we can tell everyone else **and secure further benefits for your club!**

How many volunteers did you have helping? What donations did you get? Which Official Supporters did you use? What 'Green' projects did you undertake? These questions and the others you're asked are all vital so please make every effort to complete your evaluation form. You can save it and go back to it as many times as you need but the deadline for completion is the 16th May. Remember also that all clubs who complete their evaluation forms will be in with a chance of winning signed England merchandise. To gain access to your evaluation form please go to

www.ecb.co.uk/natwestcricketforce and follow the link at the top of the page.

NatWest CricketForce 'Go Green' Club Fund

There is still lots of funding up for grabs for cricket clubs from the 'Go Green' Club Fund. It was launched at the start of March and already we've processed our first successful applications but there is still plenty of opportunity for you to take advantage of this great offer. All of the information is up on the NatWest CricketForce webpage; go to www.ecb.co.uk/natwestcricketforce and find the link on the left hand side. Remember you need to provide evidence that you participated in NatWest CricketForce 2008 so get filling in your evaluation forms (more information in the article on the left).

Official Supporters - Year round offers!!

Attention all NatWest CricketForce registrants!! Just because it was NatWest CricketForce weekend four weeks ago it doesn't mean that the offers from all of the Official Supporters now stop. You can still continue to take advantage of the great offers and discounts provided by all of the companies that support us and if you can't remember which companies they are then here is a list to remind you.

- Daktronics - LED scoreboards
- Climate Cover - flat sheet covers
- H&R Johnson - tiles and tiling products
- Barlows Electricals
- Autoguide - pitch rollers
- Jackson 's Fine Fencing
- Community Repaint
- Easyscore - portable scoreboards
- Synergy - groundsmans Machinery
- SISIS - groundsmans Machinery
- Powerroll - pitch rollers
- Bowcom - Bowdry (water hogs)
- Dulux Decorator Centres - painting & decorating
- Build Center (Wolseley) - building materials

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**NatWest
CricketForce**



Although NatWest CricketForce 2008 has only just occurred we'd like to take this opportunity to make you aware of plans for NatWest CricketForce 2009. The launch will be earlier this year and the planned date for registrations to begin is 25th June 2008. We are changing the date in order to give you more time to register and therefore giving you much more time to plan and prepare your CricketForce event. The earlier you do this the more chance you have of organising a bigger and better event for your club! We will be emailing all 2008 registrants with an official launch announcement and it will be on our website.

*Quotes and headlines from
NatWest CricketForce 2008*

"I want to make sure this pavilion is finished and looking good but honestly I've never seen a game of cricket in my life"
Clive, Dulux Decorator Centres at Hertford CC

"When preparing your club to be a Showcase Club make sure you get plenty of sleep in advance and divorce your wife because you won't be spending any time at home"
Ian Morgan, Lisvane CC - Showcase Club

"I didn't think twice about helping out the club because the most important thing is improving the community spirit"
Local business supporter for Showcase Club

"It's going to take at least a day to paint this wall"
A member of Farsley CC an hour before an entire perimeter wall was repainted by NatWest CricketForce volunteers

"A great way to get club members young and old down the ground together pre-season"
Club member, Kirby Muxloe CC

"Thanks to the success of our NatWest CricketForce event our village and local community now know where we (the cricket club) live"
Nigel Wain, Kirby Muxloe CC



It's that time of the year again when we start to think about the NatWest OSCAs, the Outstanding Service to Cricket Awards. These awards are held annually at Lord's and they recognise and reward the hard work and commitment of volunteers in cricket clubs. The OSCAs ceremony will be held on October the 13th with 273 genuine volunteers attending, 7 representing each County. There are 7 awards presented to volunteers and they are Young Volunteer, Leagues and Boards, Behind the Scenes, Another Way, Building Partnerships, NatWest CricketForce and Lifetime Achiever. Our website contains all the information you need to know including how the nomination process works. In previous years there has been a national nomination process however this year it has changed slightly and so each County will manage their own nomination process and in many counties there will be a County OSCAs ceremony. Please see your County Board website or contact your County Cricket Development Manager for more information. If you know anyone who would deserve one of these awards then make sure they're nominated so we can see what hard work they do and they could be in with a chance of winning a NatWest Outstanding Service to Cricket Award.

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NatWest CricketForce on the Web!

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On the NatWest CricketForce webpage (above) we have all the latest news and information that you need to know about NatWest CricketForce 2008 so why not take a look right now. Since the NatWest CricketForce weekend we have loaded the site full of stories, photos and video footage of the what went on.



Through ECBtv we have footage from all of our Showcase Clubs including St James Montefiore CC which enjoyed over 6 inches of snow. You can access all ECBtv footage, photos and stories from NatWest CricketForce in the news section of the website which is available [here](#).

As well as the latest news items we have other useful resources on the web including:

Case Studies - Click [here](#)

Blogs - Click [here](#)

Go Green Fund - Click [here](#)

Volunteer Recruitment Posters - Click [here](#)

Please take the time to look at these resources and more to see how they can help you and your club in the future.

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