



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

St James's Montefiore CC – NatWest Cricket Force 2008

Geographic Details.

County Cricket Board	SUSSEX
County Sports Partnership	SUSSEX SPORTS PARTNERSHIP
District Development Group(s)	N/A
Local Education Authority	EAST SUSSEX
Project Start Date	END FEB. 08
Project Completion Date	END MAY 08 – BUT SOME PROJECTS ONGOING
Funding Streams	NATWEST, SUSSEX CCC
Location (Inner-city/Urban/Rural)	RURAL
IMD Ranking	20 – 100%
Clubmark Status	Not registered Registered Accredited Yes
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Quantitative and Qualitative Detail.

Background.

St James's Montefiore Cricket Club is a successful club situated at Ditchling, a village just the other side of the South Downs from Brighton & Hove.

The Club, St James's, was founded in 1858 and played good standard park cricket until 26 years ago when a field was purchased and new ground and pavilion formed. The club then amalgamated with Hove Montefiore to create St James's Montefiore CC.

Today the club is thriving and vibrant running 5 Saturday sides, 2 Sunday sides and a strong section of 120 Juniors ranging from under 8 to under 16 including a girls side.

The club now has 2 main grounds alongside each other.

NatWest Cricket Force and in particular being selected as a Showcase Club has provided huge drive and enthusiasm within the club at just the right time (having just obtained our second ground).

Aims and Objectives.

The main objective of the NatWest Cricket Force weekend was to generally improve our facilities. Having just obtained our new second ground, we needed the incentive to pursue our aims and this

was just the “push” that was required.

Main achievements to date.

Having identified the projects we are able to list the achievements to date as follows:

- Completely redecorated clubhouse internally and externally
- New floor finishes throughout
- New light fittings
- New ceiling to main areas
- New fencing to new field
- New paved patios to both grounds
- Laid all weather pitch to new ground
- Renovated existing score box
- Laid pipe work to surface water ditches
- New sightscreens
- New picnic benches and upgraded existing
- New boundary boards and renovated existing
- Prepared practice net (and new mobile net)

Main Partners involved.

Wickes
H&R Johnson Tiles
Buxtons
Build Center (Wolseley)
Parker Building Supplies
Chandlers
Focus DIY
Harper & Eede
Travis Perkins
A & F Pilbeam Ltd
B&Q
Kew Electrical
AVS Fencing
Community Repaint Project
TJ Visual Solution
Southdown Nurseries
Forfars
Ganges
Mels Pub
Newbury
Rabbit Skips
C J Gowing & Sons Ltd

Key factors for good practice.

- Essential to obtain a good and committed team leader
- Clarify the projects
- Appoint teams to carry out the work

What is still to be achieved?

- Complete outstanding paving and fencing
- Generally tidy up ground
- Construct extension to pavilion to serve new ground (Next phase)

What mechanisms are in place to ensure sustainability?

- Thriving Junior section
- Careful management of trees, hedges and surface water ditches

Monitoring and Evaluation process.

- Management Committee is monitoring the incomplete projects and establishing a

programme for the outstanding work

- Organising the preparation work and funding for the pavilion extension

Headline Figures and Statistics.

1	150 Volunteers over 3 days (would have been more but the Sunday (main day) handicapped by 100mm snow covering)
2	Buffet meals, barbecue and curry meal served to all volunteers
3	Welcoming environment now created within clubhouse
4	New sponsor obtained as result of general publicity of NWCF event
5	22 Different companies or organisations involved in the project and therefore potential future support

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