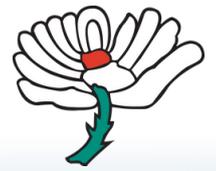


**YORKSHIRE CRICKET FOUNDATION**

# **NEWSLETTER**



**August 2025 - Issue 3**



## **YORKSHIRE CRICKET UNITES TO STRENGTHEN IMPACT ACROSS THE COUNTY**

### **Merger of Yorkshire Cricket Board and Yorkshire Cricket Foundation Completed**

The Yorkshire Cricket Board and the Yorkshire Cricket Foundation are pleased to announce their official merger, that completed on Tuesday 1 July. This unification brings together the recreational heart of Yorkshire cricket with the community-driven power of the Foundation, forming one organisation dedicated to growing the game and its positive impact across every corner of the county.

Shariq Mumtaz has been appointed as Managing Director of the newly merged Yorkshire Cricket Foundation. He brings with him a passion for cricket, deep community understanding and a vision for driving real, meaningful change.

"I am delighted to have joined the Yorkshire Cricket family at this exciting time," said Mumtaz. "The Foundation embodies everything I believe in – cricket, community and creating real opportunities that make a lasting difference. With the support of our incredible Trustees and dedicated teams, I look forward to listening, learning and building stronger connections with the people we serve."

The new Board of Trustees is chaired by Ian Cotterhill, with John Jackson, Jane Ellison, Varinder Rehal, Jo Clarke, Steve Hartley, Parveen Malik, Alan Birkinshaw and Robert Burton. This refreshed Board will guide the Foundation's mission to use cricket as a force for good. Cricket hits different in Yorkshire and has the power to change lives. The Board of Trustees intends to bring this power to as many people as possible.

"This is a moment of both continuity and change," said Cotterhill. "As a unified Foundation, we're ready to do more, reach further and create deeper impact. Together with our team, volunteers, clubs, leagues and partners, we're committed to changing lives through cricket."

**One team. One vision. One Yorkshire.**



We would like to extend our sincere thanks to departing Board Directors Chris West and Umar Rafiq, who are stepping down from the Yorkshire Cricket Board further to the completion of the merger. Both Chris and Umar have made significant contributions to the recreational game in Yorkshire and we are incredibly grateful for their service.

Phillip Hodson has also stepped down as a former Trustee and Chair of the Yorkshire Cricket Foundation, we are extremely thankful for his leadership, passion and unwavering support.

In addition, I would like to acknowledge the commitment and dedication of Director of Recreational Cricket Paul Cummins, as he departs the organisation after two and a half years.

Paul leaves having led the development and delivery of recreational cricket across Yorkshire within the Yorkshire Cricket Board. This includes working with national and local partners across Yorkshire, which has led to new income streams being developed for the recreational game. Paul also played an important role in the recent merger between Yorkshire Cricket Board and Yorkshire Cricket Foundation.

IAN COTTERILL, YORKSHIRE CRICKET FOUNDATION CHAIR

## LORD'S TAVERNERS REGIONAL TABLE CRICKET FINALS

Headingley hosted the Lord's Taverners Regional Table Cricket Finals on Thursday 15 May, welcoming schools from across Yorkshire who had progressed from their local competitions. Competing schools included Winifred Holtby Academy (Hull), Whitby School, The Willows School (Rotherham), Ralph Thoresby (Leeds), Beechcliffe School (Keighley), and Linkage College (Beverley).

Organised by the Lord's Taverners and supported by the Yorkshire Cricket Foundation, the event was a fantastic celebration of skill, teamwork and sportsmanship.

Congratulations to Ralph Thoresby School, who were crowned regional champions and went on to represent Yorkshire at the National Finals at Lord's on Wednesday 25 June – one of the biggest disability cricket events ever staged at the Home of Cricket. All forms of disability cricket, from grassroots to elite, were showcased throughout the day, which concluded with the first-ever international disability fixture at Lord's.

Well done to all the schools for their energy, teamwork, and brilliant spirit throughout the competition!



## YOUNG CRICKETERS WITH DISABILITIES SHINE IN SOUTH YORKSHIRE

Young people with disabilities showcased their cricketing talent in a special summer competition contested by five schools across South Yorkshire. Rotherham's Abbey School were crowned champions after winning all their games, with standout player Tom hitting a six onto the pavilion roof.

"The standard was even higher than last year, with fantastic spirit and skill on display," said Brady Saunders, SEND Development Officer at the Yorkshire Cricket Foundation.

The event featured players from the Rotherham Super1s programme, an inclusive cricket hub for young people with SEND, and was supported by Whiston Parish Church CC, Rotherham United Community Trust, MEMO Fitness CIC and the Lord's Taverners.

Yorkshire CCC D40 player Josh Sanders presented certificates and praised the quality on show, as the ECB and partners continue working towards making cricket the UK's most inclusive team sport.



# SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility; the ECB and Yorkshire Cricket are committed to ensuring that everyone involved in cricket across Yorkshire has the opportunity to undertake appropriate safeguarding training.

Please find details of the required training and additional requirements for all roles [HERE](#).

Below are the first Available Safe Hands Courses in each region. This is by no means an exhaustive list - please visit our website [HERE](#) for all courses available this season.



Pickering CC (North)

Mon 20 October 2025, 18:30 – 21:30

Carlton Towers (East)

Mon 17 November 2025, 18:30 – 21:30

Darfield CC (South)

Wed 01 October 2025, 18:30 - 21:30

Batley CC (West)

Mon 22 September 2025, 18:30 – 21:30

We are excited to announce the launch of Safe and Fair Cricket, a new department within the Yorkshire Cricket Foundation dedicated to safeguarding, anti-discrimination and discipline across the game in Yorkshire. This department will lead our work in creating a safe and fair environment for everyone involved in cricket.

To help us deliver on this commitment, we are currently recruiting for three new roles within the team - Safeguarding Manager, Anti-Discrimination & Discipline Manager and Compliance Coordinator. To find out more about these roles please visit the Yorkshire Cricket Careers Page [HERE](#). These appointments will strengthen our capacity to provide safeguarding support, ensure fair processes and promote player and community wellbeing.

We also say a heartfelt thank you and goodbye to Jessica Burdis, who has been an integral part of our safeguarding efforts and leaves with our best wishes for the future.

We look forward to sharing further updates as the Safe and Fair Cricket department grows and continues to support the Yorkshire cricket community.

Until the new team is fully in place, please direct all safeguarding and discrimination concerns to:

[safeguarding@yorkshireccc.com](mailto:safeguarding@yorkshireccc.com)

# WOMEN & GIRLS



We're proud to announce a powerful new collaboration between Yorkshire Cricket Foundation, Women in Sport and SNAP Sponsorship – working together to transform opportunities for women and girls in cricket.

While women's sport is finally gaining visibility at the elite level, the grassroots – where lifelong participation begins – remains underfunded. If we want a future where every girl has the chance to play cricket, we must invest in them today. Women in Sport is the UK's longest-standing charity championing gender equality in sport, and SNAP Sponsorship is taking action by driving real investment into women's and girls' grassroots teams.

Together, we are building a future where every girl has the opportunity to play, lead and thrive in cricket.



Roses Cricket, powered by Dynamos, is a new and exciting girl's programme available across Yorkshire. To create more opportunities and choice for girls - Roses Cricket, Powered by Dynamos provides the foundations for a female specific programme that supports clubs in recruiting a new wave of girls. Yorkshire Cricket Foundation support is available to clubs, to aid the running of their programmes, festivals and league games.

We kicked off the start of Roses Festivals by inviting over 100 Girls to play on the pitch at Headingley.

Click [HERE](#) to find out more about Roses Cricket, including where your local Roses festival is taking place!

# WOMEN & GIRLS

## Brown & Brown named title sponsors of the Women & Girls game for 2025

The Yorkshire Cricket Foundation is delighted to announce Brown & Brown (formally Marshall Wooldridge) as 'Title Sponsors Of The Women and Girls Game' for 2025. We would like to thank Brown & Brown for their continued support in growing the Women's and Girl's game and look forward to driving positive change together.

[Brown & Brown | Insurance & Risk Management](#)

Supported by Brown & Brown - New for 2025, nearly 50 YCCC Regional Girls took part in the inaugural Yorkshire Young Volunteers Programme, designed to equip them with valuable off-field skills to support their development as future volunteers and leaders in women's & girls' cricket. The programme covers key areas including Coaching, Officiating, Groundskeeping and Leadership, with participants encouraged to put their new skills into practice throughout the summer in their local communities.



 **Brown & Brown**



# COMPETITIONS

## Secondary School Indoor Competition

In March, we hosted the Secondary Schools U13 & U15 Girls Indoor Yorkshire finals at Headingley indoor centre.

A total of 78 teams were entered across the county over the two competitions. With 8 schools at each finals day competition throughout the mornings and into the knockout stages in the afternoon.

Drifffield (U13) and Grammar School at Leeds (U15) were crowned Yorkshire Indoor Champions and advanced to the North Regional finals of the competition, just one step away from the National finals at Lords' Indoor Cricket Centre.

## Chance to Compete - Yorkshire Finals

In June, the Chance to Compete Yorkshire Finals took place at Ampleforth College.

There were three competitions taking place across the week, Y7 Open, U13 Girls & U15 girls, with the girls' competitions kindly being supported by both Chance to Shine and Yorkshire Tea.

The winners (Penistone Grammar - U13 & Mercia - U15) and runners-up's (King Egbert - U13 & Acklam Grange - U15) of both girls' events went on to the North Regional finals in Durham in July.

## Dynamos Schools Competition

In the first week of July, the culmination of 2 months worth of primary school cricket competitions came to a close with our Yorkshire Finals for the Dynamos School Cricket competitions.

Again this year as a County we have run competitions for Y3/4 Open & Girls and Y5/6 Open & Girls. The Y5/6 events took place at Hunslet Nelson at the beginning of the week both days having 12 schools in attendance from across the county.

In the Open Final, Dore defeated Kirkburton Middle to be crowned Yorkshire Champions, whilst in the Girls event Whinney Banks beat St Alphonsus to be crowned Yorkshire Champions for the second year running.

The Y3/4 events took place on Friday 4th July at Headingley Stadium with eight schools in attendance not only did they get to play on an international ground and smash sixes into the western terrace but also had a visit from Yorkshire's & Northern Supercharger's very own Dawid Malan!

In the Open event, Oughtibridge dominated all of their games and were crowned Yorkshire Champions whilst over in the Girls event, Parkinson Lane also went unbeated and were crowned Yorkshire Champions!

## Vitality Club T20 U13 & U15 Competition

The U15 Final took place on Thursday 27 June between Doncaster Town & Lightcliffe. Lightcliffe were crowned Yorkshire champions and they now move onto the national rounds where they will play against the Durham champions Barnard Castle School.

In the U13 Final on Saturday 5 July, New Rover beat Ripon to claim the Yorkshire title, then overcame Cleethorpes in Round 2 of the National competition.

At the North Regional Finals Day, they beat Lancashire's Blackpool CC in the semi-final but lost to Nottinghamshire's Cavaliers & Carrington, who progressed to the National Final at Lord's.

## Chance to Shine - Yorkshire Street Finals

Six teams from across Yorkshire, including Sheffield Sharrow, Leeds Harehills among others, competed in 6-a-side, 20-ball "Street20" format round robin tournament.

Sponsored by Yorkshire Tea, supported by Chance to Shine and Yorkshire Cricket Board, The event showcased fast-paced, action-packed cricket aimed at bringing the sport to new communities

Sheffield Sharrow clinched victory over Leeds Harehills and will progress to the national stage competing against other regions

Click [HERE](#) to read more.



# COMPETITIONS GALLERY



# DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES - 2025

## WORKSHOPS

Sunday 26 October - Level 2 Refresher @ Terrington Hall School, York, 10am - 1pm

Thursday 4 September - Coaching Game Awareness @ Skipton Cricket Club, 6:15pm - 9pm

**NEW** Rookie Coach Award - Age 12 and over, online course (female version also available) info [here](#).

## COACHING DEVELOPMENT COURSES

### ECB FOUNDATION COACH

A progression from the Support Coach qualification, the Foundation Coach program helps more people take their first steps into coaching

Copmanthorpe Rec Centre,  
York

Sunday 19 & 26 October  
9:30am - 4pm

Handsworth Grange School,  
Sheffield

Saturday 22 & 29 November  
9:30am - 4pm

Bishop Burton College,  
Beverley

Sunday 23 & 30 November  
9:30am - 4pm

### ECB SUPPORT COACH

This course builds confidence and provides the skills to assist a coach in creating a safe, enjoyable, and player-centered environment

Green Moor CC, Sheffield

Saturday 30 August  
9:00 - 12:00

Doncaster Town CC, Doncaster

Saturday 20 September  
10:00 - 13:00

### ECB CORE COACH

Successful completion of the Core Coach qualification enables coaches to lead coaching sessions independently and without supervision

Terrington Hall School, Terrington

Sunday 21 and 28 September  
Sunday 5 and 12 October  
9:30 - 16:00

### METRO BANK ECB CORE COACH

Bootham School, York

Sunday 28 September, 5 October, 23 and 30 November  
9:30 - 16:00

Handsworth Grange School, Sheffield

Sunday 24 and 31 August, 5 and 26 October  
9:30 - 16:00

Parkside Sport Centre, Bradford

Saturday 11 & 18 October, 22 November & 6 December  
9:30 - 16:00

Please note, the Metro Bank ECB Core Coach course is for anyone aged 17 and over, from a club with a girls' section or a club starting a girls' section wishing to become qualified to coach cricket

There are bursaries available to help with the costs of courses.

For further information on this, our workshops & coaching courses or to book, please click [HERE!](#)



**2025**

### Your Say Playing Survey

Have you had YOUR SAY?

Are you a player or volunteer? Then help to shape the future of Cricket!

Take the survey before Sunday 24 August and be in with a chance of winning signed Ashes memorabilia.

Click [HERE](#) to complete the playing survey!

# THE CRICKET COLLECTIVES AWARDS 2025

We are delighted to announce that nominations are now open for the Cricket Collective awards 2025.

Together with ECB, these awards have been put together to help recognise and reward all the fantastic volunteers that work tirelessly within our Clubs, Leagues, and cricketing communities.

Cricket is not just about what happens on the field but what happens off it. You may know people who have gone above and beyond or have worked under the radar. These could be pioneers, inspirers and innovators who made a huge impact to the game.

To nominate please click [HERE!](#)

**CLOSING DATE FOR NOMINATIONS - SUNDAY 24 AUGUST**



## BARCLAYS KNIGHT-STOKES CUP



MCC and MCC Foundation are delighted to confirm the launch of the Barclays Knight-Stokes Cup, a new hardball cricket competition for state secondary schools across the UK at Under 15's.

Named after two state educated cricketing greats (Heather Knight and Ben Stokes) this ground-breaking initiative is designed to provide more opportunities for state-educated young cricketers to showcase their talent. Both the boys' and girls' competition will be run at county level, with progression to national rounds and the finals held at Lord's in September 2026.

The Knight-Stokes Cup aims to inspire young cricketers and will seek to grow the game by running a national hardball competition for state schools, for the first time ever.

All state schools wishing to be a part of this competition are required to express interest, irrespective of inclusion in previous competitions.

Please complete the registration form found [HERE](#) to register your school's interest in participating in this competition in Summer 2026.

### STAY CONNECTED!

Make sure you're following us on social media to stay updated with the latest news, exclusive insights and exciting content throughout the season!



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# WOMEN'S IT20 WORLD CUP 2026

# FIXTURE SCHEDULE

THE STAGE IS SET AT:  
**HEADINGLEY**

WEDNESDAY 17 JUNE

10:30  
**AUS** v **QUAL**

14:30  
**IND** v **QUAL**

THURSDAY 18 JUNE | 18:30

**WI** v **QUAL**

SATURDAY 20 JUNE | 18:30

**ENG** v **QUAL**

TUESDAY 23 JUNE | 18:30

**AUS** v **PAK**

■ Group 1 ■ Group 2 \*Qualifying teams will be decided early 2026



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**SUPER NORTHERN CHARGERS** **2025 HOME FIXTURES**  
**HEADINGLEY**

**WELSH FIRE** **7 AUG** **BIRMINGHAM PHOENIX** **15 AUG**  
**GWALADDERY** **23 AUG** **MANCHESTER ORIGINALS** **26 AUG**



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