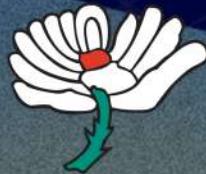


YORKSHIRE CRICKET BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 2024



CHAIR OF THE YORKSHIRE CRICKET BOARD

IAN COTTERHILL

"Following on from what had been a very challenging period in the history of the Yorkshire Cricket Board, 2024 has very much been a year of consolidation and preparation for what is an exciting future.

As we move into 2025 and look forward, we can be proud of the development and growth of the recreational game, in particular in the Women and Girls' game in 2024, delivering high quality cricket programmes.

I referenced we have an exciting future; it is hoped that funds being introduced following the sale of The Hundred franchise will benefit the recreational game. We however cannot stand by and wait and hope, and to this end the YCB and YCF are close to full integration. This model, encouraged by the ECB, enables the formation of an organisation, which with charitable status has the ability to access independent funding, donations and sponsorships.

I am very much looking forward to moving this initiative on. The County Club are fully supportive of this amalgamation and are keen to discuss and develop a Yorkshire Cricket vision with greater and closer ties.

So potentially this is the closure of a chapter and beginning of a new future and a new organisation. My best wishes and thanks go to the thousands of volunteers in our incredible club and league network, through their devoted and unstinting efforts Yorkshire Cricket continues to grow. Thanks must also go to all our Staff and Executives who have worked tirelessly to put the YCB in the strong position we currently find ourselves in. Thanks also to my fellow Directors whose commitment and counsel has been invaluable.

To the future!!"





DIRECTOR OF RECREATIONAL CRICKET

PAUL CUMMINS

"2024 was a real building year for the YCB. Nationally we saw the ECB announce the second iteration of Inspiring Generations with the vision of cricket becoming the most inclusive team sport in England and Wales. This included four new action plans; State School, Ethnically Diverse Communities, Volunteer and Talent Pathway. Further information on these plans can be seen below.

<https://www.ecb.co.uk/about/publications>

With the national direction for the game set, the YCB have also started to develop plans for a new county wide four year strategy to grow the game. This has included various consultation events, a new club audit and identifying new partners across the county who see the benefit of working with the YCB and the wider game. Cricket has a real opportunity to be the tool for so much good across Yorkshire, both at community level and individual level. I always enjoy hearing people's views on the recreational game across Yorkshire, the passion across the county is fantastic and something we can really build on.

On the field, 2024 saw another very wet start to the season, with many fixtures being delayed or re-scheduled until later in the season. The season finished with more wet weather in late September at Castleford CC, where Richmondshire CC became the first NYSD league club to win the play offs against New Farnley CC. The amount of hours volunteers put into the game across the game and here in Yorkshire continues to amaze me, thank you for all that you do!

On a YCB team level we saw real growth in programmes, including national programmes and women and girls. 2024 saw a number of firsts too, including over 300 people attending a women and girls conference at Headingley, a women's recreational game final at Headingley and the first disability game to be held at Headingley as a Presidents XI took on an England Select XI. These type of events are crucial in inspiring people to play their part in the game across Yorkshire.

Thank you to all of our partners in 2024, we look forward to an incredibly exciting 2025 including the launch of our new county wide strategy."

WOMEN & GIRLS

The 2024 Title Sponsor for the Women & Girls Game - Marshall Wooldridge; supported our partnership with Fab Little Bag to create Period Supportive Clubs in Yorkshire.



PARTNERSHIPS & SPONSORS

“ There are so many greater opportunities than what there previously was for women in the game (cricket), and I think that by having a positive female role model, it will encourage younger girls to understand that if their playing career doesn't take off, that they can still have an impact on the game. ”

Female Umpire



65%

GROWTH IN
WOMEN'S TEAMS
FROM 2023



300

ATTENDEES AT OUR
FIRST WOMEN AND
GIRLS' CONFERENCE



400

ATTENDEES AT
WOMEN'S HARDBALL
FINALS AT HEADINGLEY



40%

FEMALE
PARTICIPATION FOR
ALL DYNAMOS



CHANCE TO SHINE IN SCHOOLS - BOWLING OVER BARNLSLEY



“When we first came in, the children had no confidence, but because this programme impacts physical, social, and emotional wellbeing, the kids have been able to grow together.

“We’ve talked about empathy and resilience, using examples like when somebody’s got out and how each other feels, and it works really well with the school ethos. We focus on six or seven keywords and the teachers have said they’ll use the same language moving forwards.”

SHARON BUTCHER, CLUB & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MANAGER, YCB



CHANCE TO SHINE STREET



13 PROJECTS ACROSS YORKSHIRE

280 UNIQUE PARTICIPANTS

1,443 TOTAL HOURS COACHED

764 SESSIONS DELIVERED

7 COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS COMPLETED THE ECB CORE COACH COURSE

CHANCE TO SHINE IN SCHOOLS



CHANCE TO SHINE PRIMARY SCHOOLS



552

TEACHERS TRAINED
TO DELIVER CRICKET
IN THE CURRICULUM

1,014

HOURS OF PRIMARY
SCHOOL
COMPETITIONS



**GTS SCHOOLS COACH OF THE YEAR:
OWEN BATCHELOR**

6,269

HOURS OF DELIVERY
IN SCHOOLS

276

SCHOOLS DELIVERED
ACROSS YORKSHIRE

For the past three years, Owen has been a core part of the Yorkshire Cricket Board, delivering fun and inclusive cricket sessions that inspire pupils and teachers alike to embrace cricket, learn teamwork, and build confidence on and off the field. Congratulations to Owen on this well-deserved recognition!





NATIONAL PROGRAMMES



273

PARTICIPATING
CRICKET CLUBS



1,262

FREE BURSARY
PLACES AWARDED
TO YOUNG PEOPLE



9,071

TOTAL NATIONAL
PROGRAMMES
PARTICIPANTS

“ Thankyou so much to everyone involved. It was brilliant and the children all had so much fun. I would like to thank the activators that ran the session, George was feeling very anxious and they were so kind and reassuring, he eventually joined in and had a fantastic time.
Facebook comment from Dynamos day 24 ”



35

COMMUNITY CENTRES
RAN NATIONAL
PROGRAMMES

DYNAMOS INTROS

390

DYNAMOS
BURSARY PLACES
AWARDED

The YCB has seen exceptional interest in the project, with over 50% of bursaries awarded at mid-way point, successfully establishing Dynamos Centres in some of the country's most deprived areas.

DISABILITY CRICKET

6

SUPER ONE
HUBS

8

CHAMPION
CLUBS

42

SCHOOLS RECEIVED
SEND DELIVERY

BECKFOOT SCHOOL - NATIONAL WINNERS

In an exciting celebration of inclusivity, the ECB held the National Table Cricket Finals at Lord's in the summer. The final saw its first ever Roses clash, with Yorkshire's Beckfoot School being crowned national champions.



“This is a huge thing. It once again sends out a message that Headingley, the home of Yorkshire Cricket, is a home to everybody who plays the game.”

Jane Powell on the first disability game held at Headingley



DISABILITY CRICKET



4

PLAYERS PLAYED
FOR ENGLAND DEAF
SQUAD VS INDIA

13

PLAYERS PLAYED IN
THE DISABILITY
PREMIER LEAGUE

- Yorkshire enters 2025 with 3 competitive squads across ECB National County Competitions - the strongest position in years.
- Continued emphasis on developing young players, particularly those transitioning from mainstream cricket clubs. Work is ongoing to strengthen the pathway between S1-S9 and S9-D40 levels.
- Higham CC, and ECB Disability Champion Club, has partnered to create a new S9 Development Team, bridging the gap from S1's, and providing match opportunities and kit.

EQUALITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

'CONNECTING COMMUNITIES' BURSARY FUND

70

FREE PLACES PROVIDED
FOR SAFEGUARDING AND
FIRST AID TRAINING

4,840

CRICKETERS FROM
DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS
BENEFITED FROM THE
FUND

YORKSHIRE & HUMBER ANTI-RACISM PLEDGE



“ Together, we the recreational game in Yorkshire stand united in the fight against racism, and we are proud to support the positive message that the Yorkshire and Humber Anti-Racism in Sports Group stands for. We are uniting as organisations to combat racial discrimination in grass roots sports and in society.

PAUL CUMMINS ”

THE TIME FOR ACTION ON RACISM IN SPORT CONFERENCE

The Yorkshire and Humber Anti-Racism in Sport Group held a conference on combatting racism in sport. The conference, hosted by Yorkshire County Cricket Club (YCCC) at Headingley, brought together leading organisations across the county and industry experts from sports and policy to discuss the prevalence of racism in sport as well as the role sport can play in combatting racism in the game and wider society.



COACH DEVELOPMENT

594

TOTAL ATTENDEES
ACROSS 46 COURSES



71%

OF COACH BURSARIES
WERE AWARDED TO
FEMALES



96

NEW COACHES WERE
AWARDED THE BURSARY
FUND



CPD

COURSES INCLUDED WICKET KEEPING,
DISABILITY COACHING, SPIN BOWLING, FIELDING,
COACHING FEMALES, AND PRACTICAL COACHING

COUNTY GRANT SUCCESS

CREATING WELCOMING ENVIRONMENTS

21 PROJECTS TOTALLING

£159,000

Includes projects such as improved social space, digitisation of facilities, and refurbishment of outdoor and indoor facilities.



TACKLING CLIMATE CHANGE

15 PROJECTS TOTALLING

£111,000

Includes solar panel projects, water harvesting projects, various others (double glazing, energy efficient boilers etc).



PROVIDING ENHANCED PLAYING FACILITIES

12 PROJECTS TOTALLING

£134,000

Includes installation of non-turf pitches, practice facilities and changing room upgrades.



In addition, the ECB and YCB collaboration regards strategic and emergency funds in urban and club cricket totaled a further **£274,000**.

PITCHES & GROUNDS



70

GROUND STAFF
WEBINAR
ATTENDEES

22

PITCH REPORTS
CARRIED OUT



52

ATTENDEES AT FACE
TO FACE WORKSHOP

3

GROUND SUPPORT
COURSES HELD

OFFICIALS

19

ATTENDEES AT THE INAUGURAL WOMEN'S ONLY UMPIRES COURSE

500

ATTENDEES AT DROP-IN SESSIONS ACCROSS YORKSHIRE



181

ATTENDEES AT PLAY CRICKET SCORER ROADSHOWS

286

ATTENDEES AT ACO REFRESHER COURSES

61

ATTENDEES AT ACO MODULE A,B,C COURSES



“

I thought, let's do this, so that if I have got too many ladies players, then I would be happy to drop myself. But I wanted to still be involved with the ladies, so that's why I looked to do it. I want to learn more about the actual sport

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Jenny Hiorns, Great Preston CC

MCC FOUNDATION - BRADFORD HUB WIN AT LORDS

The Marylebone Cricket Club Foundation (MCCF) hubs launched in 2012, since then it has seen over 20,000 young people take part in the programme, which now has 126 hubs country wide.

17 of these hubs are run accross Yorkshire.

The participants have access to ten weeks of free cricket coaching followed by a national competition with the finals to be played on the main pitch at Lord's.

In 2024 the Bradford boys hub took on Wembley in the national final and came out on top, winning by 7 wickets.

“It's fantastic and I'm so proud of everyone. It's such a great occasion for the team, with everyone working so hard to get to the finals. This has given them a lot of confidence and it'll take them on through life.”

-Maroof Khan, MCCF Bradford boys coach



CRICKET COLLECTIVE AWARDS



“ The profile of the awards has dramatically increased over the last 3 years, and we want to continue to recognise the great work undertaken by the volunteer workforce across Yorkshire.

RICHARD WILKINSON, YCB

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RECREATIONAL CRICKET ACROSS YORKSHIRE - MEN

YORKSHIRE WINNERS - RICHMONDSHIRE CC

PREMIER LEAGUES

Yorkshire Premier League North: Clifton Alliance CC

North Yorkshire & South Durham Premier League: Richmondshire CC

Bradford Premier League: New Farnley CC

Yorkshire Cricket Southern Premier League: Cleethorpes CC

NORTH YORKSHIRE

Darlington & District Cricket League: Haughton CC

Langbaugh Cricket League: East Harsley CC

Nidderdale & District Cricket League: Arthington CC

Craven & District Cricket League: Gargrave CC

York Vale Cricket League: Selby CC

WEST YORKSHIRE

Bradford Mutual Sunday League: Omars CC

Dales Council League: Leeds Sikh CC

Halifax Cricket League: Thornton CC

Quiad-e-Azam Cricket League: AK-Eagles CC

Airedale & Wharfedale Cricket League: Otley CC

Huddersfield Cricket League: Moorlands CC

SOUTH YORKSHIRE

Barnsley & District Cricket League: Spotbrough CC

Yorkshire & Derbyshire Cricket League: Sheffield Centralians
CC

EAST YORKSHIRE

Pontefract & District League: Oulton CC

RECREATIONAL CRICKET ACROSS YORKSHIRE - WOMEN

HARDBALL LEAGUES

Yorkshire Premier League: Sessay Emeralds 1st XI
North & East Yorkshire Cricket League: Driffield Town 1st XI
South Yorkshire League: Tickhill Tigers
South Yorkshire Super 8s: Whiston Belles
West Yorkshire Cricket League: Bradford Park Avenue Ladies 1st XI

SOFTBALL LEAGUES

SOUTH YORKSHIRE CRICKET LEAGUE

Tickhill Tigers

EAST YORKSHIRE CRICKET LEAGUE

Sutton On Hull CC 1

NORTH YORKSHIRE

Hambleton (E): Northallerton CC
Hambleton (W): Bedale CC
Scarborough Ryedale: Wykeham CC
North Yorkshire & South Durham Hundred: Northallerton CC

WEST YORKSHIRE

Bradford Div A: Cullingworth 2
Calderdale Div A: Stainland 1
Huddersfield North Div - Lepton Highlanders 1
Huddersfield South Div - Holmfirth 2
Huddersfield Development Division: Meltham 1
Leeds East Div: Colton Institute 1
Leeds West Div: Horsforth 1

NORTH YORKSHIRE SOUTH DURHAM PREMIER LEAGUE

As in the previous season the rains came early causing major disruption to the fixture schedule in the opening weeks, but as the campaign gathered momentum it proved to be another glorious year for Richmondshire Cricket Club.

They strolled to the Premier Division title, winning 17 matches and losing just twice, ending ninety-three points clear of second-placed Stockton. The relatively relaxed league run-in was then replaced by a dramatic denouement to the season as the Dalesmen cemented their status as one of the top club sides in English cricket with a thrilling four wicket victory over New Farnley in the coveted Yorkshire 'champion of champions' White Rose final in late September.

This brought the curtain down on another history making season which followed years of outstanding success for the club.

Four NYSD Premier Division championship wins in the last six years is just part of the story. In those years they have proved to be one of the best sides on the national stage – a semi-final and quarter-final in that time embellished the ultimate success of being crowned national club champions in 2018 when, in a nine-game winning streak to a Bristol county ground final, they included victories over no fewer than six ECB Premier League champion clubs.

Their success is built on rock solid foundations – their second, third and junior teams also won NYSD championships in 2024 – the first time any club has recorded a clean sweep in the 132-year history of the League.

Another glittering success story unfolded in the second tier where Norton regained their place in the topflight losing just once to clinch promotion. The real story behind their success was the wealth of home-grown talent they had nurtured – no fewer than four of their players also starred in Durham CCC's Academy teams, the headliner being 16-year-old James Minto who became the youngest player in Durham's history to play first-class cricket, the left arm pacer going on to represent England u19s.

Another Durham side, Barnard Castle, were the most successful in the major cup competitions, winning the blue riband Kerridge Cup and then adding the Premier Hundred, while it was Middlesbrough who claimed the Sir Harold Macmillan T20 trophy.

Northallerton became proud winners of the Women's competition which is going from strength to strength, and a little bit of history was made when Ines Blackwell from Marton became the League's first women's player of the year.

And the NYSD's development continues apace with the NYACC junior competitions now coming under the League's wing – 25 more competitions to administer in this crucial area of cricket participation and development.

YORKSHIRE CRICKET SOUTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE

Cleethorpes won the Yorkshire Cricket Southern Premier League for the first time, their first Premier League title since winning the Yorkshire League in 2003. Experienced opening batsman Bill Kirby, was the only survivor from the 2003 side, whilst Mayank Mishra, with 74 wickets, was the leading wicket-taker in Premier League cricket in England and Wales. Wickersley Old Village and Hallam won promotion back to the Premier Division at the expense of Elsecar and Treeton, whilst in Division 2, Coal Aston achieved a remarkable 100% league record, playing and winning all 20 scheduled fixtures to win the division by 72 points, whilst their Second XI won division 5.

The South Yorkshire Women's & Girls League is now formally a part of our league, and we will work together to integrate our structures over the coming season. League chairman David Ward stepped down from committee work at the end of the season, after many years dedicated service, but will continue to support the League in several roles. At the end-of-season presentation dinner, amongst the inductions into the League Hall of Fame was prolific Sheffield Collegiate opening batsman Nick Gaywood, who is now a key member of the England over 60s side.

In the YCSPL, we are blessed with a very talented and dedicated team of scorers, led by our excellent Scoring Manager, Steve Ward, who over the 2024 season scored an amazing 95% of games digitally. This has allowed us to introduce DLS in a further two divisions for 2025.

For 2025, we also welcome new clubs Frickley Colliery, Wadworth and Waverley, and our structure now comprises eleven divisions, 63 clubs and 134 teams.

RECREATIONAL CRICKET ACROSS YORKSHIRE



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Kirkburton Crusaders



Sheffield University Staff CC



Skipton CC



Leeds Gladiators CC



Yeadon CC



Driffield Town CC



