

Wanstead & Snaresbrook Cricket Club

(incorporating Snaresbrook Football Club)

founded in the year 1866



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Annual General Meeting

The A.G.M will be held in the Overton Drive Clubhouse or on Zoom if clubhouse is closed on
Friday 11th March 2022 @ 8.00 pm

Nigel Hutchings

Hon. Club Secretary

1.0 To Adopt the Committee's Report for 2021

2.0 To Adopt the Treasurer's Statement of Accounts for the Year Ending 30th September 2021

3.0 Club Constitution Amendments

To adopt the Management Committee recommendations that clauses 5, 7 and 20 of the Club Constitution should be modified as follows:

5 Management Committee

The Management Committee shall appoint and co-opt the Club **Welfare** Officer

to now read

The Management Committee shall appoint and co-opt the Club **Safeguarding** Officer

7 Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the club, of the club, of which 14 days' notice shall be given in writing to the members by the Secretary, shall be held in February or March each year.

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A condition of membership is compliance with the club's child protection policy as established by the Management Committee.

The club must adopt any Child Protection Policies or Guidelines made mandatory by its various sports' governing bodies.

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The club must adopt any **Safeguarding** Policies or Guidelines made mandatory by its various sports' governing bodies.

4.0 Election of Officers, Vice-Presidents and Committee

5.0 Subscriptions

To adopt the Management Committee recommendation that the 2022 rates of subscription will be as follows:

CRICKET	£
Playing Member	205.00
Playing (over 18 ¹ and full-time student)	102.50
Sunday/Occasional Playing Member	102.50
Ladies Playing	102.50
Ladies Occasional Playing Member	51.25
Parent (Playing) with 1 or more Junior Members	225.00
Parent (Occasional Playing) with 2 or more Junior Members	184.00
Parent (Occasional Playing) with 1 Junior Member	135.00
Junior Member (under 18 ¹)	91.00
Junior Members, Siblings (under 18 ¹)	135.00
Junior Members (under 7 ¹)	45.50
SOCIAL MEMBERSHIP	
Social Member (Gentleman or Lady)	40.00
Wife or husband of above	27.50
Retired Pensioner	35.00
Country Members (outside 50 miles)	30.00

¹Age as at 1st September 2021

6.0 Match Fees

To adopt the Management Committee recommendation that the match fees for 2022 will be as follows:

- Adult matches (home or away), including Junior players £11 (£5.50 if no teas provided)
- Junior matches (home or away) £5.50

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT 2021

Another big year of change, and covid related disruption! Despite all that was thrown at us, we played a full season, redeveloped our bar, and maintained our links with the local community. Our facilities have been used by local charities to support food bank collections, and via our events we have raised money for NHS charities and the Corner House Project. We combine this sense of community with extensive continued development of our facilities, and also with success on the pitch. Our club is in excellent shape as we get ready for the 2022 season.

Facilities. As promised a year ago, we have continued to invest in the facilities of the club. The new bar, which was completed in April, is an excellent addition to the clubhouse. We have also completely upgraded the product range behind the bar. The year saw the retirement of Lynn, who has been an institution at the club for many, many years. We will all miss her friendly welcoming presence at games, training and events. We thank her wholeheartedly for all her efforts over the years. At the same time, we are delighted to welcome Niki to the role, and we are sure she will continue the Rising legacy.

Looking forward, as part of our on-going plans, we will continue to invest in the club facilities. The next big project is a refurbishment of the pavilion, particularly the changing rooms. We are pleased to report we have planning permission and are in the middle of the costing and grant funding process. We are also waiting on planning permission to install an all-weather pitch at Nutter Lane.

Environmental responsibility. We are increasingly aware of the need for the club to address environmental issues, which we see as a demanding and important responsibility. With this in mind, we propose setting up the Herons Green Forum to share ideas, but obvious areas for improvement are more recycling, no more reliance on one-use plastic, and potentially insulating the clubhouse

Again, the Project Heron team are to be thanked for all their hard work.

Club finances. Covid continues to impact the finances of the club. We were unable to have the bar open from September 2020 to April 2021, and when we did open we had to launch a table service facility, which was relatively expensive to run. This could obviously have had serious potential financial repercussions. However, we were fortunate to benefit from continued grants from Redbridge Council, as well as using the Government furlough scheme where possible.

Compared with 2020, we managed to have a full playing season in 2021, and membership numbers rose, leading to increased subscription income. Overall, the club ended the year in a strong cash position, which has enabled us to increase the provision against the pavilion refurbishment to £60,000. This has however resulted in the accounts showing a deficit for the year.

The club remains in a good financial position and able to continue to invest in our facilities to secure and develop our long-term future. This last part is important to re-emphasise. We will continue to raise funds to invest in the infrastructure of the club, notably the pavilion. Our goal is to provide the best possible facilities to our members, and therefore the club will continue to strive to raise funds through social activities, membership, grants and donations.

With regard to subscriptions for 2022, the Committee held subscriptions flat last year. We are facing an ever-increasing inflationary environment, where running costs are continuing to rise, notably gas and electric costs. We are therefore reluctantly recommending that we increase all membership subscriptions by around 5% and also increase match fees. There is a likelihood that there will have to be further increases in 2023. The club fully appreciates that some members are under financial

pressure and paying the club subscriptions may be a strain on limited resources. If that is the case, please contact the Chairman, Martin Pluck, or the Head of Junior Cricket, Jon Gritten.

Safeguarding. At the end of 2021, Trevor Hebden stood down as Club Safeguarding Officer. The Management Committee wishes to place on record its appreciation for everything Trevor has done in this demanding role over the past five years. He will continue to serve the club in a number of other areas. We would also like to thank Vivienne for the support she has given him. I am delighted that Niru Williams has agreed to take on the position of Club Safeguarding Officer.

Two new important ECB documents, the 'Anti-Discrimination Code' and the 'Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Plan 2021', were issued towards the end of 2021 in response to widespread concerns about racial abuse in cricket. We would like to take the opportunity to remind our members that we follow best practice safeguarding procedures to address all forms of abuse, however they may arise. Delivery of these policies is driven by strong leadership under an experienced Club Safeguarding Officer supported by a Safeguarding Panel, 'the eyes and ears' of our safeguarding capability. We have implemented a Members' Charter and Family Charter and a whistleblowing facility that encourages anyone to report confidentially, either in writing or verbally, any concerns they may encounter. We have an established Human Resource capability and an established complaints procedure. Our independent internal audit function has recently issued a satisfactory report on our social media capability.

Conclusion. The spirit at the club was again tremendous last year. The Management Committee would like to thank all members for the support they gave the club and to each other.

We would also like to thank all our sponsors, but particularly our major sponsor, Keatons, the local estate agents, for their continued very generous support.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE AT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Afn. Akram 4 M. Pluck 4 S. Andrews 1 T. Hebden 4 N. Williams 1 M. Bentley 4
L. Enoch 4 M. Piracha 4 S. Emmons 3 N. Hutchings 4 J. Ellis-Grewal 3

CRICKET SECTION

	Position	P	W	L	T	D	C	A	Points
1st XI	2 nd	18	13	2	0	1	1	1	277
2nd XI	2 nd	18	11	2	1	2	1	1	267
3rd XI	5 th	18	9	5	0	3	1	0	245
4th XI	4 th	18	6	10	1	0	1	0	215
5th XI	7 th	18	6	7	0	2	3	0	190
6th XI	2 nd =	18	9	7	0	1	1	0	235
Ladies XI	5 th	12	4	7	0	0	0	1	107

Despite the ongoing Covid pandemic, a full cricket season was completed in 2021. This was due to a tremendous amount of effort by a number of people in the club. Thanks must also go to the Hamro Foundation Essex League, the County and the local Metropolitan District organisation, whose huge contributions made this possible.

It looked like it was going to be a frustrating season for the 1st XI, losing in the final of the Essex T20 Competition and finishing runners-up in the League. However, on the final game of the season the 1st XI beat Brentwood in an exciting Essex League Cup Final due to a superb 93NO from Robin Das. Robin was again the leading run scorer with 540 league runs at an average of 41.54, followed by Tom Simmons with 504 runs (average 38.77). The leading wicket-taker was captain Joe Ellis-Grewal with 32 league wickets, closed followed by Zain Shahzad with 30 wickets and Eshun Kalley with 29 wickets. The other XIs had mixed seasons with the 2nd XI and 6th XI finishing as runners-up in their Leagues. The 5th XI under Sam McGrath, having won promotion the season before, found themselves in a relegation battle, which they survived, winning three of the last four matches played. The U19s lost in the semi-final of the Essex U19 T20 Competition.

A big thank you must go to all the captains as well as to those members who scored or umpired during the season.

The Ladies had a good season, considering that many regular players were unavailable due to university and Covid isolation, and finished 5th in their league. They are expecting a better 2022 season with the more experienced players combined with the developing talents of the U16 girls.

JUNIOR SECTION

2021 was a highly successful year for the junior section. After a year affected by Covid, a reduced season in 2020 and no cricket through the winter, juniors and their parents enthusiastically returned to the club. Membership for boys was full by April and the girls section continued to grow and flourish through the season. By the end of the summer we had almost 350 junior members with nearly 85 on the waiting list.

With so many members, it is always a challenge to give everybody as many games as they would like whilst also remaining competitive where necessary. As ever, the primary focus was on providing as many games as possible across all age groups. Sadly, the weather won on a few too many occasions as it did on many Monday and Friday training sessions. Nevertheless, all ages managed to have a full fixture list with 160 games arranged in total. Competitions were won by the U16s (Trevor Bailey Matchplay Shield), U13s (Len Stentiford Trophy) and U11s (Mid-week League and James Foster Cup). In addition, the U14s and U15s reached the semi-finals of The Alastair Cook Trophy and the Cox and Kings respectively, both losing to very good teams who went on to win these competitions. The U13s also represented the club in the National T20 getting through the first round but narrowly losing in the second round against a strong Shenley side. Our Fundamentals team, comprising mostly U8s, did brilliantly to finish runners-up in their league. A common factor with all these sides was the amount of practice they put in both as teams and as individuals, making full use of the nets.

The club was fortunate to have a team of volunteers committed to growing the participation of girls at the club. An extremely high level of coaching was provided throughout the summer and the coaches worked tirelessly to arrange matches and develop links with other clubs. The enjoyment of everyone taking part was evident at all the sessions. It was great to see our youngest girls playing their first matches and enjoying the festivals organised for them. We introduced the regular inter club Monday evenings tape ball league and the Thursday evenings Mums' festivals. It has been a challenge to find opposition for our girls to play against and addressing this is our 2022 priority.

Huge thanks must go to all our volunteers, managers, coaches and administrators who allowed all this cricket to take place. Many were volunteering for the first time, and it was particularly pleasing to see our junior coaches supporting Friday training so that our youngest juniors can learn.

FOOTBALL SECTION

The season promised so much with the first team continuing in Essex Olympian Football League Senior Division One and a new reserve side joining Division Five in the same league. Pre-season training was well attended with lots of new players committing to our new project. Unfortunately, as the season has progressed the initial momentum has diminished somewhat. The first team got away to a slow start, losing several games by the odd goal, and having lost 12 games so far this season they now find themselves second from bottom with four games to go. The reserves have fared better and at the time of writing are in a mid-table position.

SOCIAL & BAR SUBCOMMITTEE

After an extremely challenging 2020 every effort was made to return to somewhere near normal in 2021. Thanks to our bespoke table ordering app, we managed to keep the bar open for an extended period and takings most weeks were back to, or above, the pre-covid levels. Mid-summer saw a big change in the management behind the bar, with Lynn Rising deciding that it was time to retire. As noted above, Lynn has been a club institution for many years and will be greatly missed, but the carefully managed transition to her daughter Niki has been seamless. As in previous years, our popular Friday evenings proved to be the bulk of our weekly income, but better attendance after games on Saturday's made sure figures were healthier than in the past.

July saw the arrival of Euro 2020/21 football, with most games being shown outside at the club. As the tournament progressed (and as England did too), attendances began to swell and members of all ages enjoyed the matches in a safe environment. Many commented on what a positive experience it was for everyone who had been there. Our thanks go to all those that turned up as well as to the bar staff, who were rushed off their feet. We are already looking forward to the World Cup next winter!

Once the season finished, members continued to use the bar on a regular basis on Sunday afternoons and although Covid restrictions tightened in December, Niki did everything possible to ensure winter bookings went ahead as planned.

The Social Subcommittee did an excellent job managing the Euro 2020 football tournament, making every possible effort to ensure members' experiences of watching the games was better than anywhere else in Wanstead. Hopefully, 2022 will mark the return of the social event at Wanstead, as the uncertainties of the past two years have frustrated any attempts to forward plan major events at the club.

GROUND SUBCOMMITTEE

Once again, our contractors, Jordans Sports Grounds Solutions Limited, and particularly Matt Grice, did an excellent job in keeping the squares and outfield at Overton Drive and Nutter Lane in fine condition. We play an enormous amount of cricket, particularly at Overton Drive, and a big thanks must go to Matt for preparing so many excellent pitches, often at very short notice. Ahead of the 2022 season we plan to upgrade the drainage on the outfield at Overton Drive.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

As ever, the club must acknowledge the enormous debt of gratitude that it owes to those members who continue to put in hours of unpaid work in running the club. An effective volunteer team is essential if we are to continue to be a successful and progressive recreational community cricket club

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Income & Expenditure Account
Year Ended 30th September 2021

		2021	2020
		£	£
Income	Bar Sales ¹	65,735	49,004
	Subscriptions	35,809	24,455
	Match fees	10,830	12,091
	Grants/ sponsorship	68,332	42,862
	Donations etc.	2,009	12,270
	Ground & Pavilion Hire	5,431	7,764
	Net Social Income	71	351
	Sundry income	1,620	1,620
	Interest and dividends	766	2,665
		<u>190,604</u>	<u>153,082</u>
Expenditure	Bar Costs ¹	54,685	38,834
	Rent and rates	5,490	5,481
	Ground expenses	40,599	34,418
	Pavilion expenses	85,135	12,995
	Heat and light	6,125	6,904
	Match expenses	9,343	4,848
	Juniors expenses	2,377	3,291
	Insurance	4,582	2,807
	Printing & Telephone	343	892
	Depreciation	0	(347)
	Sundries	(279)	0
		<u>208,402</u>	<u>110,123</u>
Excess/(Loss) income over expenditure		<u>(17,798)</u>	<u>42,960</u>

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Balance Sheet at
30th September 2021

		2021		2020
		£		£
Pavilion				
Cost	36,364		36,364	
Less Depreciation	<u>(36,364)</u>	1	<u>(36,364)</u>	1
Irrigation Equipment				
Cost	0		0	
Less Depreciation	<u>0</u>	0	<u>0</u>	0
Shares in Wanstead Sports Grounds Ltd		4,787		4,225
Current Assets				
Stock	5,740		3,436	
Cash at bank and in hand	115,469		123,282	
Debtors	<u>11,904</u>		<u>9,580</u>	
	133,114		136,298	
Project Heron²	(60,000)		(38,486)	
John Sankey Legacy	(1,301)		(1,301)	
Creditors	2,011	73,824	(4,326)	92,185
		<u>78,612</u>		<u>96,410</u>
Represented by general fund at start of year		96,410		53,450
Excess/(Loss) income for year		(17,798)		42,960
		<u>78,612</u>		<u>96,410</u>

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Accounts Pages Notes

¹Net Bar Income (Breakdown)

	2021		2020
	£		£
Sales	65,735		49,004
Cost of Sales	(31,237)		(21,708)
Gross Margin	<u>34,498</u>		<u>27,297</u>
Staff Cost	(18,384)	(12,274)	
Other Expenses	<u>(9,759)</u>	<u>(8,244)</u>	
	(28,143)		(20,518)
Net Bar Income	<u>6,354</u>		<u>6,788</u>

²Project Heron (pavilion fund)

	2021		2020
	£		£
Opening Balance	38,485		26,944
Grants Received	0		75,312
Internal Funds Raised*	0		18,866
Heron Expenses	(33,588)		(80,026)
Provision Made (Pavilion)	55,103		0
Charity Donations	0		(2,611)
Closing Balance	<u>60,000</u>		<u>38,485</u>

*Internal funds raised includes net income from events and donations