

Holme Valley Parish Council

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Grant Evaluation

- The Parish Council likes to hear how community groups have used the money awarded to them
- As the money awarded is public money, we also need to make sure that the money has been spent appropriately and as agreed

Name of Organisation	Holmbridge Cricket Club
Amount of award	£ 810
Purpose for which the grant was awarded	Purchase of junior training equipment

The Story of Your Project

- *Tell us what you did with the money awarded to you*
- *Attach a few photos*

For a club to thrive, it is essential that it invests in the generations of players to come – therefore, our junior set up is one of the key strategic priorities we have and something we invest in continually. In the past, the investment has been made in time, dedicated volunteers and players investing sweat equity into the junior section in the hope that it would deliver benefits and improvements. However, it was clear to the club's committee that this was not a sustainable way of operating and that change was needed. The club needed to invest properly and strategically in the facilities available to junior cricketers and provide better quality training facilities to all of the playing members.

Making the investment in good quality coaching equipment supports the club in three directions. Firstly, it improves the quality of coaching and training experience that our junior cricketers can enjoy. We aim to foster four primary values in our junior cricketing experience – persistence, teamship, fairness and a love of game – four values that are focused on ensuring the young people we work with stay with the game and

hopefully the club for their entire lives. Secondly it improves the experience that senior players are receiving and therefore improves their performance on a Saturday in summer. Thirdly and potentially most importantly, it makes the club more attractive to new members at all ages. People walking past the club and talking to existing members learn about the new facilities and the club becomes something that players want to be part of. The more popular the club, the more effectively and efficiently it can reach new members the more sustainable the club becomes.

Your grant allowed us to purchase new equipment for the juniors and therefore all members of the club. Our juniors saw significant improvements in their cricketing performances, becoming more engaged when training and more competitive on-field. Senior players have seen improvements in their own performances and Saturday performances have improved also. The club has also been able to attract new players who are remaining engaged and helping to build the club for the future.

As a club, we are keenly aware of our position within the Holmbridge community and we are working hard to deepen and improve our relationship with the community we are part of and serve. Your kind grant award has allowed us to improve that and therefore ensure the club is a part of the community for years to come.

From all concerned with Holmbridge Cricket Club, we thank you.

The Story of Your Project contd.

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What you achieved	
What were the benefits of your project?	See above.

Who benefited from the project and the grant awarded?	All members of the club
How many people benefited?	50+
Did you achieve what you were trying to do?	Yes

Finance and Expenditure

We ask groups to retain their receipts and invoices, and to keep a record of what they've spent for auditing purposes

			Grant awarded	£ 810
Date	Description of expenditure	Amount	Remaining	
01/09/22	All-rounder Ball - Box of 60	£150	£-190	
	Flexi-Cricket Coaching Kit (pink)	£100	£	
	Flexi-Cricket Coaching Kit (blue)	£100	£	
	Reflex Deflector catching ramps (x2)	£250	£	
	Home Ground back nets (x2)	£200	£	
	Skyer Catching Bats (x2)	£200	£	

