



HOLMBRIDGE CRICKET CLUB – GRANT REPORT

I would like to confirm that the refurbishment and extension of Holmbridge Cricket Ground Pavilion building was completed on Friday the 14th of April 2017 – the start of the junior cricket season and the signing on night.

The grant from Holme Valley Parish Council proved to be invaluable as it literally was the icing on the cake. This grant was used to provide the floor covering to the new social area as well as the area behind the bar and to the kitchen area. This provided the final finishing touches to the public area of the new Pavilion. The responses from all the junior players and their families who had left the old building in September 2016, saw the works commence in December 2016 and watched the works through the winter months through to its opening were simply amazed at the transformation.

The fact that this grant from Holme Valley Parish Council allowed us to finish off the project meant that people used and stayed at the new facility whilst their children were training or playing – and this was due to the fact that this area was finished. If the carpet could not have been provided it would always have felt that we nearly did it – but not quite. This grant meant that we could finish the project, and then allow Holmbridge Cricket Club and its members and visitors to enjoy the cricket season.

The new Pavilion not only maintained the player numbers from last year, but it also had an influence in increasing the number of playing members both junior and senior, as the development had now created a nice place to be.

Throughout the cricket season more and more visitors came to spend an afternoon in the new Pavilion and watch either the first team or the second team play at home, and in some cases some of the junior teams. I really do believe that the number of new visitors would not have been as many if we had not been able to finish off the public area with the floor coverings, which only happened because of your generosity.

More recently the Pavilion has been used by the community for a 60th Birthday Party, and the Club has held a race night and is looking at a number of other events to be held over the closed season, which again would not have been possible without your help.

Again I would like to thank the members of Holme Valley Parish Council for supporting Holmbridge Cricket Club in the project.

