

## RURAL/URBAN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT GRANTS APPLICATION FOR 3rd APRIL 2019 EXECUTIVE :

**Applicant :** Kenilworth Wardens Cricket Club

**Description of scheme:** The three lane outdoor net facility is used by teams from all age groups to practise their cricket from April through to September; the surface was refurbished two years ago with the help of a RUCIS grant award. The netting was not replaced at the same time but is now at end of life and dangerous to use. The project will replace the current netting and will again provide a safe area for players to use. The project will also deliver two Bowdry water removal machines; these are used to remove water from the pitches so they remain available to use, for example, after periods of rain allowing all of the various matches (youth, adult men and ladies) to continue.

**Evidence of need:** The current usage levels of the net facility are high and potential Health & Safety issues have been visually identified with worn and damaged netting. If the cricket pitch is wet, for example, following rain, they are naturally hazardous for training and matches with risk of slips and falls, the Bowdry water removal machines will be used to remove excess water reducing risks and enabling the pitch to be used again more quickly.

**3 years accounts received?** 2015 - 2017 accounts have been received along with recent bank statements for all accounts held (22nd October 2018 to 22nd February 2019, 6th February to 21st February 2019); this evidences sufficient cash reserves to meet the contribution stated on the application form.

<b>Financial Performance; minus figure = deficit</b>	<b>Year ended</b>	<b>Year ended</b>	<b>Year ended</b>
	31/10/17	31/10/16	31/10/15
	-£26,113	-£2,971	-£13,086

<b>Available Funds ( cash and reserves )</b>	<b>Year ended</b>	<b>Year ended</b>	<b>Year ended</b>
	31/10/17	31/10/16	31/10/15
	£24,717	£18,700	£18,016

**Details of membership, fees etc:** Full membership = £147pa  
Student Membership = £53pa  
Junior Parent = £41pa  
Social = £5pa  
Funding has been available to encourage increased usage by girls and women which has meant that the club have been able to offer formal coaching only without the need for full membership on an ad-hoc basis. The facility is also used free of charge when not in formal use evenings, weekends and holidays.

**Details of usage:** Kenilworth Wardens as a club has Football, Cricket, Darts and Running sections. As well as the section activities, the club is also available for use on an ad-hoc or regular basis by local groups for meetings or functions during the day and in the evening, for example:

- Simply Social (a club for men and women who are aged 50+, are on their own and want to meet new friends in a relaxed atmosphere); weekly meetings, approx. 40 people attend
- Dance classes; weekly, approx. 25 people attend
- Art Club; weekly, approx. 12 people attend
- Leamington & District Table Tennis Club; monthly, approx. 12 people attend
- Indoor Cricket Nets – the indoor function room is also used as a net area and hired by local clubs during the period January to April; 7 other clubs are using this on a weekly basis for 2 hour sessions at various times
- Functions; the clubhouse can be hired for events such as parties, weddings, funerals, charity quiz evenings; approx. 45 events per year, approx. 40-100 people per event

With regards to the cricket section who are applying for the grant, usage as follows:

- There are 215 cricket members across the Junior and Adult sections (Male and Female)
- The nets are used by junior teams (3 girls teams and 10 boys teams) from age 9 through to 17 plus 5 Adult Saturday teams, two Sunday teams as well as the Ladies Team to practise their cricket from April through to September and are a valuable coaching resource for competent players as well as an ideal environment for coaching new players.
- The nets are also used on an ad hoc basis by players throughout the week as well as for formal sessions and as such are pretty much used every day in the seasonal months.
- They are also used by summer cricket coaching camps which in the past have been run by either the club or by Coaching Companies such as Complete Cricket and TSR. These have taken place in Easter and Summer Holidays and are run daily for 5 days during a week with approx. 30 people per day per camp.

**Details of Organisations equalities policies:** The Club's equality policy is in line with Sport England's equality policy and a copy has been supplied with the application. This includes the following highlight:  
"The club respects the rights, dignity and worth of every person and will treat everyone equally within the context of their sport, regardless of age, ability, gender, race, ethnicity, religious belief. Sexuality or social / economic status."

**3 quotes provided:** Yes; 6 quotes in total

**Which of the Council's Corporate Priorities are met?** **Evidence**

**Reduce anti-social behaviour**

The nets provide a facility for local youngsters to train both formally at coaching sessions but also informally during weekends, afternoons and school holidays. There are 13 junior teams from age 9 through to 17 plus 5 Adult Saturday teams, two Sunday teams as well as the Ladies Team. The project will also deliver two Bowdry water removal machines; if the cricket pitch is wet, for example, following rain, they are naturally hazardous for training and matches with risk of slips and falls, the machines will be used to remove excess water reducing risks and enabling the pitch to be used again more quickly. Engagement in this sporting activity helps to reduce anti-social behaviour.

**Reducing obesity, particularly in children**

The nets provide a facility for local youngsters and adults to train both formally at coaching sessions but also informally during weekends, afternoons and school holidays. There are 12 junior teams from age 9 through to 17 plus 5 Adult Saturday teams, two Sunday teams as well as the Ladies Team. The project will also deliver two Bowdry water removal machines; if the cricket pitch is wet, for example, following rain, they are naturally hazardous for training and matches with risk of slips and falls, the machines will be used to remove excess water reducing risks and enabling the pitch to be used again more quickly. Engagement in this sporting activity helps with fitness and helps to reduce obesity, particularly in children.

**Increase opportunities for everyone to enjoy and participate in sports, arts and cultural activities**

The nets provide a facility for local youngsters and adults to train both formally at coaching sessions but also informally during weekends, afternoons and school holidays encouraging participation in sporting events. The current netting on the lanes is nearing the end of its life span, if the netting isn't refurbished in the near future the nets facility will become unusable from a health & safety perspective which in turn would reduce the opportunity for everyone to enjoy and participate in sporting activity. The project will also deliver two Bowdry water removal machines; if the cricket pitch is wet, for example, following rain, they are naturally hazardous for training and matches with risk of slips and falls, the machines will be used to remove excess water reducing risks and enabling the pitch to be used again more quickly ensuring opportunity to continue participating in sporting activity.

**Engaging and strengthening communities**

Kenilworth Wardens has a diverse membership of boys, girls, ladies and men from age 5 through to their 60's, and is open to all. The nets are also used ad hoc by local residents. The cricket section is also organised and run by a wide range of volunteers from across the community. This all helps to engage and strengthen the community.

**Targetting disadvantage in rural / urban areas:**

Friday night sessions are open to all to access cricket at low cost, the nets facility can also be used free of charge when not in formal use at evenings, weekends, and during holidays. The Club have ad-hoc 10 week sessions in the summer for boys and girls to enjoy cricket without having to join a formal team and have around 120 attending these sessions. Last year the girls and ladies sessions were subsidised by Sport England Sportivate grant funding allowing a charge of only £2 per session. There are similar grants available this year, which the Club are currently applying for, and also a new initiative from EWCB to encourage 4-5 year old age group with funding and support available from a National Scheme.

**Total cost of scheme (including VAT where appropriate)**

£3,850 Excluding VAT - the Club will be reclaiming VAT

**Funded by:**

**Status**

**Organisations Own Funds**

£270 Approved

**Kenilworth Town Council**

£500 Application made, waiting for a decision

**Total RUCIS**

**£3,080**

**equates to**

**80.0%**