

## RURAL/URBAN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT GRANTS APPLICATION FOR 1ST NOVEMBER 2017 EXECUTIVE :

**Applicant :** Hunningham Cricket Club

**Description of scheme:** The project is to provide an all-weather practice facility (two-lane cricket nets) with an up-to-date, non-turf pitch so that players can improve performance through formal and informal practice sessions and, critically ensure the safety of all players. The key objectives of the project are:

- Provide adequate practice facilities for all players, particularly juniors
- Provide facilities that can be used by the community, including other local clubs and schools
- Improve sporting performance and health for all players and users of the facility
- Utilise the practice facility to retain existing players and recruit new players especially in the junior, teen and mid-twenties age-groups
- Create a safe environment for practice sessions
- Increase the opportunity for players to train by creating an all-weather facility
- Secure a sustainable future for the Club by providing practice facilities

**Evidence of need:** There is a very clear need for this project; the current practice facility is over 20 years old and has visible health and safety issues, it is therefore no longer useable. Without an adequate practice facility the players will have nowhere to practice and ultimately the Club will struggle to continue. This would have a significant negative impact in the local community with nearly 100 children and teenagers no longer actively playing cricket and thus losing 2 hours per week of physical activity. Risk assessments have been completed on the existing facility by the Club Welfare Office, an English Cricket Board (ECB) qualified coach and a representative of Warwickshire Cricket Board; all of these have declared the facility unsafe to use. Parish plans from Hunningham and Weston under Wetherley both state the need for more activities for various groups, especially young people.

**3 years accounts received?** Yes; 2014 to 2016 and also a recent bank statement (19th September 2017).

<b>Financial Performance; minus figure = deficit</b>	<b>Year ended</b>	<b>Year ended</b>	<b>Year ended</b>
	30/09/16	30/09/15	30/09/14
	£539	£1,475	-£1,765

<b>Available Funds ( cash and reserves )</b>	<b>Year ended</b>	<b>Year ended</b>	<b>Year ended</b>
	30/09/16	30/09/15	30/09/14
	£9,178	£8,619	£7,144

**Details of membership, fees etc:** Membership is £90 for seniors and £50 for students, juniors and unemployed people. The facilities are free to use for all members. Schools and local youth groups can use the ground for free including 4 local schools playing festivals at the club each year. Other groups and individuals can use the ground for a nominal charge of £50 to cover costs with several local events held.

**Details of usage:** There are more than 150 people playing for the club from age 5 to 75. And with their families and friends the Club is used regularly by over 300 people. We are particularly proud of the Junior Section which has grown dramatically in the last few years and now has nearly 100 children from 5 to 13 and has recently started a girls' team. We provide 2 hours training for all juniors every week from May to August and play matches in local leagues most days of the week. We operate an inclusive policy and players of all abilities are welcome. The ground and clubhouse is available to use for the community and often hosts local schools, most recently where over 200 primary school children took part in cricket festivals. The club has recently launched the ECB AllStars Cricket program and has attracted over 40 girls and boys age 5 to 8. The community uses the facilities in many ways; for local people the Club provides a much-needed social hub where they can meet and enjoy watching cricket, enjoy a drink or snack in the clubhouse or simply come and walk around the ground. The facilities are used by many local groups, including works and social cricket teams, a local football team and local schools as shown below. Summary of club usage below:

## REGULAR USAGE

- Senior League Team play 2 matches per week and train once per week with approximately 30 players involved
- Mixed senior/youth team play matches twice per week with approximately 30 players involved
- U9s team play matches once per week
- U11s team play matches once per week
- U13s team play matches twice per week

Across all junior sections there are 60 players who play matches and train for over 5 hours per week. In addition to this, For ages 5-8 the Club runs the Allstars Cricket Program with 40 children attending for an hour per week. Matches and training sessions are well-attended by relatives and friends so there are often over 100 supporters at the club:

- For the last 3 years the club has hosted Chance to Shine Festivals for local schools. This involves 2 full day tournaments with over 100 children each day from years 4,5,6 and 7. The following schools attend each year; Cubbington Primary School, Our Lady's and St Theresa's Cubbington, Brookhurst Primary School, Our Lady's, Princethorpe.
- The club also hosts Junior matches in conjunction with the Warwickshire Cricket Board, including annually the Warwickshire U13 vs Middlesex U13, where there are 30 junior players involved and a crowd of approximately 150 people.
- Annually the Leamington Junior Colts Football Presentation is attended by 15 players age 12 and their families
- Annually Family Fun Day Festival which takes place every Father's Day. This year it took place on 18th June and was attended by 80 players with juniors age 5-13 playing alongside family members.

## AD HOC USAGE

**Details of Organisations equalities policies:** Hunningham Cricket Club recognises that everyone participating in cricket or in any way involved with the Club (regardless of age, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, ability or disability) have a right to play and enjoy cricket and be protected from harm in a safe environment. The Club also has anti-bullying and safeguarding policies in place.

**3 quotes provided:** Yes

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

**Evidence**

**Reduce anti-social behaviour**

The current facilities are at the end of their life-span, they have health and safety issues and are no longer usable. This severely reduces opportunity for the local community to be involved in activities which will potentially increase anti-social behaviour. The project will provide a new all-weather training facility which can be used all year round providing activities for 100 children and teenagers as well as the wider community; without new facilities the Club will no longer be able to provide training and therefore the current activities as below will cease:

- 12-14 year olds – 20 players currently train 2 hours per week and play matches 5 hour per week
- 10-12 year olds – 20 players currently train 2 hours per week and play matches 3 hours per week
- 8-10 year olds – 20 players currently train 2 hours per week and will start playing matches 3 hours per week from May 2018
- 5-8 year olds – 40 players – train 2 hours per week
- Young adults – age 16 and over – play for approx. 6 hours per week
- Ad-hoc community use – approx. 30 children and families use the facilities over the course of a week

**Reducing obesity, particularly in children**

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

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**Engaging and strengthening communities**

The club is run by a wide range of volunteers from across the community as well as there being several volunteer coaches and support staff. The club has also supported Duke of Edinburgh volunteering and local sports education students. Without adequate training facilities it will be difficult for the club to retain players and the club could potentially become unviable and cease to exist, this would disengage and weaken the community. However, the project will provide a new all weather, all year round training facility which will keep the club viable which enables volunteering opportunities and brings together a wide variety of people from across the community such as players, families and individual members of the community attending private hire and social events; this all helps to engage and strengthen the community.

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

Parish plans from Hunningham and Weston under Wetherley both state the need for more activities for various groups, especially young people, an extract from Eathorpe, Hunningham, Offchurch & Wappenbury Parish Plan is; "Concern was expressed by a number of these groups about membership numbers and how to keep groups viable'  
'Men tend to be under-represented, and opportunities for children and young people are limited"

Without an adequate practice facility the players will have nowhere to practice and ultimately the Club will struggle to continue. This would have a significant negative impact in the local community with nearly 100 children and teenagers no longer actively playing cricket and thus losing 2 hours per week of physical activity. Local people would also lose a vital social hub and community asset. In the small rural communities surrounding Hunningham there is very little in the way of sporting or social facilities for local people especially children and teenagers, in particular in the summer months when the rugby and football seasons end, and with many local cricket clubs no longer catering for juniors, Hunningham CC is an important community asset that provides much-needed physical activity and social engagement for local people.

**Total cost of scheme (including VAT where appropriate)** 29,700

<b>Funded by:</b>		<b>Status</b>
<b>Organisations Own Funds</b>	£14,350	Approved
<b>Parish Council</b>	£500	Approved
<b>Total RUCIS</b>	<b>£14,850</b>	
<b>equates to</b>	<b>50.0%</b>	