

# Yorkshire Cricket Board Annual Report 2021



# Managing Director's Report – Andrew Watson



There is no doubting the last twelve months have been the most difficult that most of us have known. Not only have we had to cope with the continuing and ever-changing challenges of managing the pandemic, but many will also have known personal loss or illness and had to cope with these in restricted circumstances.

As the year unfolded it was clearly evident that the 2021 season would be similar to that of 2020. With help and support the recreational game did commence with significant Government COVID-19 restrictions and protocols in place for the first half of the season. We knew that the 2021 season was never going to be easy, and alongside the 2020 half-season, the last two years of recreational cricket have been the most demanding in living memory.

Against this backdrop we have managed to deliver high quality cricket programmes and increased participation against all the odds in 2021, and we have given everyone the season of hope which was promised. Well done to everyone. Our collaborative work with YCCC, Pro-Coach and YCF has been significant, and I wish to thank everyone who has been involved. My thanks and best wishes also go to the multitude of volunteers in our incredible club and league network who, through their phenomenal efforts, have once again provided everyone in the recreational game with fantastic opportunities to play our great game in the most uniquely challenging of circumstances.

The staff have also been working tirelessly to ensure all National Programmes such as Chance to Shine, All Stars, Dynamos, The Hundred engagement, Disabilities, CAG, BAME and W&G's Development were delivered, ensuring safe practice for all, including the staff and volunteers who organised the programmes. It is an absolute privilege and a pleasure to work alongside you all.

Of course, the last few months of 2021 have seen the most significant challenge that cricket has perhaps ever faced, a period for soul searching, reflection and honesty. But through it all a chance for us to consider how best we can move forward with renewed determination to consider how

we can deliver on our shared aims to improve lives and connect communities through cricket in Yorkshire.

We shall continue to support all recreational cricket collectively the best way we possibly can, whilst ultimately supporting and keeping everyone safe.

Thanks must be given in respect of the voluntary work of all Board officials and Sub-Committee Secretaries who put in so many unpaid hours for the benefit of the YCB together with all the League Council Secretaries and Chairmen. We are also absolutely indebted to Ray Knowles, our Senior Safeguarding Officer and to his Safeguarding team who work tirelessly as volunteers and deal with all safeguarding matters.

Finally, I would like to record my sincere thanks to my fellow Directors, to everyone involved in Yorkshire Cricket and all at ECB for their support during this difficult and unprecedented year.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Watson', written in a cursive style.

**ANDREW WATSON**  
**Managing Director**  
**Yorkshire Cricket Board**

# County Age Group and Regional Cricket

## Boys CAG Season Report 2021

Season 2021 was again affected with Covid cases amongst the players and staff meaning that cancellations were aplenty with both Yorkshire and the opposition being affected. Thanks go to all our managers and coaches who had to deal with more than the usual problems in getting matches on and sorting teams etc.

### U10

The Under 10s played 13 matches which were a mixture of inter and county matches. The teams played 30-35 over matches and T20 games. George Lamb 61\* vs Staffordshire, Jack Kettleborough 51 (Retired) vs Warwickshire, Freddie Long 5-2 vs Warwickshire were the stand-out performances. The standard of play was very high and we look forward to the U10 players further developing in 2022.

### U11

23 games were played. Tykes 11 and Phoenix 12. A mixture of 35-40 overs and T20 matches took place. Louis Veazay 57 vs Nottinghamshire, Safiullah Abrar 5-19 vs Phoenix. Oliver Shepherd 75 vs Nottinghamshire, Alex Davis 5-5 vs Tykes were the standout performances. The manager and coach feel that this group has huge potential and again we look forward to their continuing development.

### U12

Both Tykes and Phoenix played 9 games each, a mixture of 40-45 overs and T20 games. The highlight of the season being the Rugby School Festival where the team were beaten by Warwickshire in a close encounter on the final day having won all their previous matches. There were plenty of good individual performances with the squad who represented us at Rugby proving to have lots of talent.

### U13

23 games were played. The highlight of the match programme being the Rugby School Festival where a loss to Nottinghamshire was followed by wins against Essex, Staffordshire and Warwickshire.

Standout performances were, Aarush Shinde's two centuries 106 vs Northumberland and 100 not out vs Cumbria, Peter Greenfield 100 not out vs Staffordshire and Arjun Samanth 8-22 vs Cumbria.

## **U14**

A mixture of 2 x day, 50 overs and T20 matches with 21 games over 25 Days played. This group is felt to be very talented and several boys from U14 represented the U15s and Futures.

The outstanding performances came from Will Bennison with 192 vs Warwickshire and 5-47 vs Lancashire. There were many notable contributions, and we will be looking very closely at a number of the squad for future honours.

## **U15**

17 games were played over the season, this programme being the worst affected with Covid cancellations. The boys were challenged and responded well with many notable performances, the best of which were Rohan Ratnalingham 125\* vs Durham and Josh Hen-Boisen 5-14 vs Northumberland. Several U15s played for the Futures side.

## **Futures**

A new concept aimed at providing cricket for boys who had left the U15 and CAG system. We felt we needed to offer further opportunities for both late developers and give some of the younger boys a chance to further develop.

15 games were played with the outstanding performances being from Nico Nicola 158 vs Warwickshire and Will Bennison 8-48 vs Warwickshire. With some excellent performances 8 of the boys went on to represent the Academy/U18s side.

Thank you to all who assisted in the match programme from Managers, Coaches, Scorers, Umpires and clubs who provided their wonderful facilities to us.

Finally, thank you to all the parents, guardians, grandparents and family friends who brought the boys to the games. The support is appreciated.

## Girls CAG Season Report 2021

Yorkshire Girls CAG have squads at u11, u13, u15 and u18. The ECB asked us to work with 30+ girls at both the u11 and u13 age group with the emphasis on development and we managed to fulfil this request. The fact that we could do this reflects the growth of the female game in the county and all the hard work being done at club level to encourage younger girls to take up the game (All Stars programme etc).

### U11s



Several Inter-squad training games to build match awareness and develop game skills. T20 and Hundred Ball games with other counties. With the emphasis on development all the girls were given opportunities in different roles, i.e. different batting order spots etc. 2 x festivals, one at Terrington Hall School with Kent and Lancashire and another at Scarborough College (this one a 3 day residential) with Lancashire and Durham. Terrington 3 days saw 3 different squads representing the county on each day. 2 squads at Scarborough with one squad winning the tournament trophy.

### u13s



Split into 2 squads, Development and Performance. Along with inter-squad training games, both squads played a number of county matches with the Performance squad winning every fixture home and away (Lancashire, Durham, Northumberland, Notts). The Development squad winning games with Cumbria, Northumberland and Lincolnshire. Season finale with 2 teams playing at the Scarborough College festival with Durham and Lancashire, and winning the trophy. An added bonus for the girls was a training session where they were coached by Adil

Rashid and Liam Plunkett. This was part of the 2 professionals' Level 2 coaching qualification.

## U15s



Games were played against Notts, Cheshire, Lancashire, Durham, Northumberland and Warwickshire. A mixture of T20s and 40 overs. No county championship to play for so plenty of opportunities were allowed throughout the Performance squad (15) and the training squad (7). Gary Ballance ran a training session for the girls as part of his Level 2 coaching qualification. Several of the players were selected for the Northern Diamonds Junior Super 4s event at Weetwood with 4 also included for Senior Super 4s at St Peters & Ampleforth.

## U18



Games were played against Lancashire, North-East Warriors, Cheshire, Warwickshire and Notts. All the squad selected gained game experience, with some players from the training squad also having game time due to the 6 Northern Diamonds Academy\* players sometimes being unavailable (clashes with Academy dates). These games were T20s and 40 overs in length.

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Scarborough College –July 20 to 23 with multi format games (inc the hundred) taking place with Scotland was a resounding success.

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\*7 Academy players: All came through the Yorkshire CAG system. In the full senior Northern Diamonds squad we had 4 ex CAG players involved.

## Boys Regional Cricket Report 2021

The 2021 Regional Cricket Programme hasn't been without its challenges given various COVID-19 issues throughout the year causing several games to be postponed. However, due to the tireless work of the conveners, coaches, managers, parents, and officials 92% of fixtures were completed and any games lost were re-arranged to allow the boys to participate.

The programme, even given everything that was thrown at it during the 2021 season, was a success with over 125-fixtures being completed across Phase 1, t20 Festival, Phase 3 and Ampleforth Festival.



The Yorkshire Regional Ampleforth Festival returned following its cancellation in 2020.

Congratulations to our Ampleforth Festival winners:

**Under 10 – East & Central**

**Under 11 – East & Central**

**Under 12 – North**

**Under 13 – North**

**Under 14 – East & Central**

**Under 15 – North**



On conclusion of the festival a survey was sent to all parents to collate both positive comments and areas for improvement to enable this showpiece event to be improved year on year.

Parents rated their sons experiences, and, following 289 responses, the average rating returned was 4.68/5. Comments from these surveys included:

“My son really enjoyed the experience. Staying away from home and bonding with other teammates was really valuable and something he will definitely remember”



“The festival provided Billy with his first experience of a residential scenario which, as well as him enjoying every minute of it, provided the experience of having his own responsibility to respect the coaches, accommodation and other players and this is a good skill for kids to learn and develop at a young age”

We'd like to pass on our sincere thanks to Zwingo Sports and Krimpterm without whose generous support the running of the programme wouldn't be possible.

# Recreational Cricket

## Bradford Premier League Report



Woodlands were crowned Gordon Rigg Bradford Premier League champions for the eighth time in 16 years.

Their latest title triumph was confirmed on the final day of the season when they defeated third placed New Farnley by 74 runs.

The victory saw them finish 11 points ahead of Townville who were also runners up to Woodlands when the title was last contested in 2019.

Townville had an outstanding season but will be frustrated that a major trophy again eluded them. As well as being second in the league, they were beaten finalist in the Priestley Cup where they went down by 34 runs against New Farnley.

For much of the campaign the title race was a three-way battle with Townville and New Farnley – both seeking to lift the crown for the first time – pushing Woodlands all the way.

New Farnley's challenge was spearheaded by their skipper Lee Goddard. He produced consistent runs at the top of the order and was the Premier Division's top scorer with 983.



Topping the league averages was Woodlands' New Zealander Brad Schmulian. He made 795 runs at an average of 79.50 and produced important match-winning knocks.

It was his 112 which laid the platform for the final day win at New Farnley. Schmulian was not due to play in the game, but a bout of Covid-19 delayed his return home and after serving his isolation period was able to sign off the league campaign in style.



Schmulian will be taking over the captaincy in 2022 from Cieran Garner who is stepping down after leading the club to two league titles and a Priestley Cup win, a fine record for a player who was promoted from the second team to take the reins in 2019.

If Schmulian was the class performer with the bat, his colleague Muhammad Bilal was the most brutal. In successive weekends he smashed the season's fastest 50 and then the quickest century.

After striking seven sixes and two fours while making 52no off just 14 balls, against Pudsey St Lawrence on August 21, Bilal followed up by racing to a century off just 37 balls against Morley on August 28. His explosive hitting saw him strike seven sixes and two fours.

The top bowler in the league was again the Townville skipper Jack Hughes. His left-arm spin brought him 63 wickets at 12.62 apiece saw him top the league averages while team-mate Conor Harvey took 57 wickets at an average of 15.74.

The end of the 2021 season saw two top batters call time on their Bradford Premier League careers, James Smith of Pudsey St Lawrence and Gary Fellows of Hanging Heaton.

Smith scored 12,597 league runs with eight centuries, and 84 fifties, while Fellows made 11,701 runs with 20 tons and 67 fifties.

Both have given outstanding service to their clubs and made a significant impact on the Bradford Premier League. They will be missed by team-mates and spectators who have enjoyed watching them over the years.

# Darlington Building Society North Yorkshire and South Durham

## ECB Premier League Report

If we were hoping for a smoother ride in 2021 after the pandemic-induced half season endured the previous year, then we were in for a shock.

Much of the first three months of the calendar year was spent fretting over all the different scenarios that may arise as the pandemic tightened its grip on the country. We produced a number of 'roadmaps' for our clubs which aimed to keep all options open to us, and detail what we would do in any given situation.

It was during this period that the ECB asked for thoughts on how the possible loss of league games due to Covid outbreaks could be handled, and we produced a plan based on an average points per game scenario with guidelines on how that would be handled bearing in mind legal constraints that may impact. It was with some pride that the NYSD plan was adopted on a nationwide scale with a multitude of leagues taking it up, and then later in the summer the ECB adopted it in the professional game.

When April arrived we were still unsure whether we would be playing cricket, but then the green light was given just two weeks before the scheduled start. I say green light, it was perhaps more of an amber one as the 'adapted cricket' model, most of which was used in 2020, came back in with a bang, with added complications, the most baffling of which was the forcing of spectators into crowded areas of a ground rather than allowing them to space themselves out around the perimeter – it was this more than anything that made one wonder whether DCMS really understood cricket!

And the opening day of the season was not without incident with the ECB asking all cricket to stop for an hour to watch Prince Philip's funeral, notwithstanding the fact that clubhouses weren't open, dressing rooms weren't open, people couldn't sit in cars together, and the temperature was about 5C ! Fortunately, the deluge of e mails that hit Lord's caused a hasty change of mind and the occasion was marked respectfully around the League, with one game making the national TV news.

A sunny April then made way for a sodden May, hugely unpleasant for cricketers given the limitations on indoor gatherings, and with our heavy cup programmes getting underway the 'results on the day' contingency certainly served its purpose – without it there would most certainly have been fixture chaos as we squelched into June.

June offered hope – improved weather, plenty of cup cricket, and restriction easing all made it feel much more like a normal cricket season, and there were plenty of sumptuous cricket games to enjoy. But as the month wore on, and football gripped the sporting psyche, little Covid alarm bells began to ring – schools, universities and large football gatherings undoubtedly fueled the spread of the virus as it challenged the vaccination programme for supremacy.

And by the end of the month there was no doubting the winner. The Match Play Committee were in constant action as Covid outbreaks hit a huge number of our clubs, and the 'average points per game' methodology had to be employed across the board. And the virus had such a grip by mid-July that we had to impose a fortnight cup tie 'circuit breaker' in the hope this would give us an opportunity to revisit outstanding cup ties in August – at that stage we were certainly fearful of losing all our Hundred competitions.

But it seemed to work, coinciding as it did with the school holidays and the finish of the football. We therefore felt emboldened to embark on an ambitious cup programme as daylight hours dwindled – and in the end we got every single cup competition completed.

Season 2021 will linger long in the memory for all the above reasons, but what about our *raison d'être* – the cricket itself?



The Dales air certainly seemed to be doing the trick again, Richmondshire securing a third consecutive Premier title after being pushed all the way by Barnard Castle.

Barnard Castle found their own route to glory via T20 cricket – Macmillan winners, North of England champions, and national runners-up. Barney missed out though when falling at the last Kerridge Cup hurdle to a vibrant Hartlepool team who certainly enjoyed a glorious Park Drive finals day to the full.



The cricket in Division One was competitive to say the least, but Stockton reigned supreme with another unbeaten season ensuring they returned in style to the Premier Division after 21 years away, their success built firmly around a collection of home grown players. The second promotion spot went to Darlington after a nerve shredding finale at Feethams when they overcame local rivals Darlington RA.

Another team taking a step back up the NYSD ladder was Blackhall, Division Two champions ahead of runners-up Marton, while in Division Three it was Maltby taking the honours by what must be the smallest ever margin in NYSD league history – they finished 0.02 points ahead of the other promoted team, Stokesley.

Richmondshire's 4<sup>th</sup> team proved too strong in Division Four, although Stockton were worthy runners-up with the rest of the division trailing well behind the top two. In the Sunday divisions Marton secured the Premier title, whilst Seaton Carew in the North, and Great Ayton in the South were the regional conference winners.

The intense programme of Hundred matches was complemented by the success of the first ever professional Hundred – whatever you think about this format it is more than likely that youngsters will gravitate towards the cut, thrust and excitement generated. In late July we thought we'd lost our competitions, by early September we'd completed around 150 matches with the winners enjoying their finals to the full. The roll call read - Premier Barnard Castle, Division One Stockton, Division 2/3/4 Barnard Castle, Sunday Wolviston and Junior Saltburn, with many outstanding performances strewn across all sections.

Other cup successes recorded were Collingwood 100 - Richmondshire, Haith - Middlesbrough, Brunton - Stockton, Robinson - Richmondshire, Readman - Saltburn, Welsh - Richmondshire, Hornby and Sanders -Wolviston, Under 19 - Saltburn, and Masters - Darlington.

At junior level the dominant team were Sedgefield who cornered the market in under 17 trophies, although the Covid inspired split into four regional divisions enabled other teams to enjoy some success. And the League's under 17 representative team did really well to reach the Joe Lumb final after some impressive victories over renowned leagues, including Bradford.

The presentation evening once again provided a fitting finale to another extraordinary season – these have proved great occasions, regularly lauded by our guests from around the country, and where we are able to properly celebrate and recognise the wonderful successes of teams and individuals.

The last two years have been life changing for many, and game changing for cricket, but the NYSD once again led the way, with more games of cricket played in our league on a pro rata basis, than any other league in the country – thank you to each and every club, player, volunteer, umpire, league official, and supporter for delivering an extraordinary outcome.

## Yorkshire Premier League North Report

In spite of the regulations around spectators, the 2021 season started off positively with a return to the usual divisions and playing conditions. The sole concession made to Covid was that clubs were allowed cancel/re-arrange matches if they had a significant number of players unavailable because of the pandemic. In the end approximately 40 fixtures were not played and league positions were calculated using average points.



The ECB Premier League was disrupted towards the end of the season when the Academy had to pull out because of the difficulty of putting teams out. As a result, only one team, Stamford Bridge, were relegated. Castleford were crowned Champions and went on to win the White Rose Trophy in the Yorkshire Premier Leagues' Play-Off Final at Headingley.



Beverley Town won the Y&DSCL Premier Division with Sessay as runners-up and both are promoted into the ECB Premier Division for 2022. Unfortunately, Dunnington were forced to withdraw their 1<sup>st</sup> XI from the division due to a number of senior players leaving the club and they will operate only one team in the League in 2022, but are optimistic to return to two in 2023 as they look to re-build.

Y&DSCL Divisional winners below the Premier level were; Cottingham, Easingwold, York III, South Milford, Brandesburton, Ovington, Duncombe Park, Kirkella, Eastington, Heslington II, Cherry Burton and Hull Zingari III with Sutton-on-Hull II winning the Sunday Division.





Driffield were beaten by Appleby Frodingham in the ECB Leagues' Viking Cup Final, the Hunter's knockout cup was won by Beverley, and Scarborough II (pictured across) and Ovington won the Readman and Conner T20 Competitions respectively. York won the ECB T20 Blast and also the U19 T20 Competition.

Major changes were agreed by member clubs at the AGM and the title Y&DSCL will no longer be used as the final part of becoming a single league. The top two divisions are being re-named ECB Premier Division and Championship Division. The clubs also voted to move away from 'draw' cricket and teams in all divisions will now play win/lose cricket with the same points structure. The Championship and First Divisions will play to the same conditions as the ECB Premier Division and the conditions for the Second Division and below will be similar, but shorter matches.



# Yorkshire Cricket Southern Premier League Report

As it was the first season of our new merged league, it was always going to be a challenging year – particularly with Covid still prevalent. It is testament to everyone in the league – clubs and committee workers alike – that in a summer with some indifferent weather, the season was completed with relatively few games lost.

## Summary of games in 2021

	<i>Scheduled fixtures</i>	<i>Cancelled due weather</i>	<i>Cancelled due Covid</i>	<i>Conceded</i>	<i>Total games with no play</i>	<i>Abandoned games</i>	<i>Games with result achieved</i>	<i>Total games with play</i>	<i>DLS results</i>
<b>Premier Section</b>									
<i>Premier</i>	132	14	0	0	14	7	111	118	6
<i>Championship</i>	132	11	1	0	12	7	113	120	6
	264	25	1	0	26	14	224	238	12
<b>Senior Section</b>									
<i>1</i>	132	16	1	0	17	7	108	115	-
<i>2</i>	132	18	3	1	22	7	103	110	-
<i>3</i>	132	17	13	1	31	5	96	101	-
<i>4</i>	132	27	7	7	41	1	90	91	-
<i>5</i>	132	21	3	4	28	6	98	104	-
<i>6</i>	110	13	4	4	21	5	84	89	-
<i>7</i>	154	17	8	11	36	6	112	118	-
<i>8</i>	111	12	4	9	25	2	84	86	-
	1035	141	43	37	221	39	775	814	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1299</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>999</b>	<b>1052</b>	<b>12</b>
		12.78%	3.39%	2.85%	19.01%	4.08%	76.91%	80.99%	



Appleby Frodingham delivered an unprecedented treble with Premier Division championship, T20 Blast and Viking Cricket Cup successes.



We celebrated all our team and individual award winners at a very successful Presentation Dinner on 6 November, at which almost 300 people were present, and when we inducted six more very worthy candidates into our *Hall of Fame*.

We have elected to take the opportunity to bring in some new clubs and teams in 2022, because they will add strength to our league in the long term. This combined with the need to decide on league positions on points average due to Covid, presented some end-of-season issues around promotion and relegation, but our clubs showed patience and understanding in bearing with us. The strength of game in our area, reflected in the number of clubs fielding juniors, and the success of *All Stars* and *Dynamos*, was hugely encouraging after last season's severely reduced activity. It was also fantastic to see so many of our clubs field teams in the womens' and girls' game. But we must build on these, and encouraging all our clubs to invest in the junior and womens' and girls' games must be a priority for our league in the future.

The League has met the ECB Premier League criteria on use of the player survey, Inclusion & Diversity measures and will adopt General Conduct regulations and Anti-Discriminatory regulations for the 2022 season.

On the disciplinary front, there were 57 sanctions imposed, of which 38 were level 1 warnings. Two clubs reached the threshold of 15 disciplinary points for the season, and action has been taken accordingly. The general standard of behaviour was good, but umpires had been instructed to ensure that all breaches were reported, and this resulted in the increase in sanctions.

We are aware that we did not get everything right in our first year – we did not expect to – but we really believe that we have made a strong start, and that we have a solid foundation to build on in the future. We have learned some lessons, and will look to take these into account in the future.

On the administrative side, we were very sorry that, for personal reasons, Matt Summerhill stood down from his role as chairman at the AGM, but thankfully he will retain his role as Competitions Manager. David Ward succeeds him, and he has a very strong team of willing volunteers to support him.

## Yorkshire Premier League Play-Off final report



Castleford lifted the White Rose Trophy for the first time after defeating Woodlands by six runs in a thrilling Yorkshire Premier League Play-Off final.

The Yorkshire Premier League North champions held their nerve as Headingley was treated to another nail-biting encounter.

Three of the four finals played at the home of Yorkshire have been decided by winning margins of six runs or less.

For Woodlands, the Bradford Premier League title winners, this was the second time they had suffered final defeat in a close encounter. In 2019 they went down by two runs to Sheriff Hutton Bridge.

In contrast, Castleford have become expert at winning tight games. That was perfectly illustrated in the semi-final when Chesney Hughes took two wickets with the final two balls of the match as they defeated the North Yorkshire South Durham side Richmondshire by one run.

Castleford are a confident side and from the moment David Wainwright won the toss and elected to bat first on the hybrid pitch, they were determined to play the match on the front foot. The blue skies and warm sunshine made for perfect batting conditions. Hughes, who made 270 not out on his previous appearance at Headingley for Derbyshire in 2013, was quickly into his stride.



Chesney Hughes got Castleford off to a flying start with his 61. (Picture by Ray Spencer). He and opening partner Liam Hyde soon had the scoreboard ticking over nicely as they shared a stand of 103. Hughes was the dominant partner with a six and seven fours punctuating his 61 before left arm spinner Chris Brice removed both batsman in quick succession. Hyde went first for 43, trapped lbw, while Hughes was bowled five runs later.

Brice bowled intelligently and quietened the run rate. Brayden Clark (34) and Wainwright (29) added useful runs as the Woodlands bowlers exerted an element of control through Brice and Kez Ahmed.

A late flurry from Chris Briggs (25) saw Castleford finish on 241-9. It was an extremely competitive total but not as big as looked likely when Hughes and Hyde were together.

Woodlands needed a solid start but lost Sam Frankland earlier. Tim Jackson – who scored a century when the sides met in the Heavy Woollen Cup earlier this season – dug in with skipper Cieran Garner who was filling the massive void at number three left by the return home of New Zealander Brad Schmulian who was key to their three-wicket semi-final win over the Yorkshire Cricket Southern Premier League champions Appleby Frodingham.

They started cautiously and were just beginning to assert themselves when Jackson was caught behind by Alex Kaye from the bowling of Ed Morrison.

Liam Collins, who made 87 in the 2019 final, was quickly into his stride and was looking likely to play a decisive innings when he became the first of five victims for spinner Jack Young and departed for 32. When Garner was run out for the same score soon after, Woodlands were struggling.

Scott Richardson and Tom Clee were dismissed cheaply by Young to leave Woodlands hoping for another explosive innings from Muhammad Bilal.

Two big sixes suggested he might be in the mood before a moment of brilliance brought his innings to a close. He drilled the ball back at Connor Hyde with great power and the bowler clung on to an instinctive right-hand catch.

Woodlands looked down and out at 159-7, but Elliot Richardson and Greg Finn weren't giving up the fight. Richardson hit a six and five fours while making 40 and Finn gave good support with an intelligent knock of 23.

They took the score to 223 before Richardson tried one big hit too many and was caught on the boundary. When Finn suffered the same fate later in Young's over, it left the last pair of Kez Ahmed and Chris Brice needing to score 17 from seven balls.



Ahmed gave them hope by hitting Young's final ball for four as the man of the match finished with figures of 5-54.

Thirteen were required from the final over with Hughes given the responsibility of bowling it after his semi-final heroics.

Brice took one from the first ball before Ahmed found the ropes with a powerful drive. Hughes responded with three dot balls before a single off the final delivery left Castleford winners by six runs.

As Castleford celebrated joyously, Woodlands looked disconsolate. This was the cup they desperately wanted to win in Garner's final game as captain.

Defeat will hurt but they can take consolation from having contributed to a gripping contest which kept the shirt sleeve crowd thoroughly entertained in the September sunshine.

At the end of a challenging season for all involved in the game the final was a fitting finale.



Castleford captain David Wainwright lifts the White Rose Trophy Picture: Ray Spencer

## YCB Grassroots Cricket Awards

Unfortunately, the YCB Grassroots Cricket Awards had to be postponed in 2021 and will instead be held early in 2022. The new online system led to a significant increase in nominations and the standard for the judges to choose from was higher than ever. This year's winners were as follows:

<b>Connecting Communities (Brian and Shirley Hobson Award)</b>	Jacob Kalapurakal
<b>Inspired to play (Brian Stone Award)</b>	David Willey
<b>Rising Star Award (Francesca Anoble Memorial)</b>	Mollie Ovenden
<b>Game Changer Award</b>	Ifthikash Arun
<b>Unsung Hero (George Reah Award)</b>	Don Winspear
<b>Growing the game (Lawrence Walker Award)</b>	Adrianna Darlow
<b>Lifetime Achiever</b>	Keith Blagg
<b>Cricket Innovator Award</b>	Luke Brooksby
<b>Young Coach of the Year</b>	Nathan Law
<b>Coach of the Year (Maurice Young Award)</b>	Ghulam Rafique
<b>Coach of the Year (Maurice Young Award)</b>	Tom Shaw
<b>Outstanding Contribution/Services to Coaching</b>	Adam Hutchinson
<b>Outstanding Contribution/Services to Coach Development</b>	John Lazenby
<b>Women's Cricket Development (Barbara Hare Award)</b>	Tayaba Parveen
<b>Disability Cricket Award</b>	Ji Mukherjee
<b>Umpiring (Derek Shuttleworth Award)</b>	Lee Peters
<b>Scoring (Ralph Pritchard Award)</b>	Kevan Goldsby-West
<b>Groundsmanship Award</b>	Andy Fortis
<b>Services to Diverse Communities Cricket Award (Numan Shabbir Syed Award)</b>	Rehan Mir
<b>YCB Special Award</b>	David House



**Tayaba Parveen – winner of the Women’s Cricket Development (Barbara Hare Award)**

**Ji Mukherjee – winner of the Disability Cricket Award**



**Tom Shaw – joint winner of the Coach of the Year (Maurice Young Award)**

# Women & Girls Cricket

The significant ECB Strategic Investment into transforming the Women & Girls game allowed the Yorkshire Cricket Board to employ three dedicated Women & Girls Club and League Development Managers: Rob Johnson (North & East Yorkshire), Katie Stewart (West Yorkshire) and Dean Smith (South Yorkshire).

The impact of the newly appointed staff has been exceptional in further growing the women and girls' game across the county. Some of the key headline statistics are:

- Women's Hardball Teams have seen an increase of 86.66% from 15 (2019) to 28
- Women's Softball Teams have seen an increase of 65.11% from 43 (2019) to 71
- Women's Teams have seen an increase of 70.86% from 58 (2019) to 99
- Girls Teams have seen an increase of 111.76% from 51 (2019) to 108
- The highest increase has come in the age-groups of U9 & U11 from 34 (2019) to 76 which is an increase of 123.52%.



Following the growing demand across the county for women's softball activity, this year saw the first Yorkshire Women's Softball Finals Day held at Goole Town Cricket Club with 6 qualifying teams representing different parts of the county. From South Yorkshire we had Softball League & Finals Day Champions (Higham CC) and the League & Finals Day Runners-Up (Sheffield Collegiate CC). From East Yorkshire were the Softball Festival Champions (Bridlington CC) and Runners-Up (Hessle CC). From West Yorkshire were the Softball Festival Champions (Alwoodley Leo's CC) and finally the Hambleton Softball League Champions from North Yorkshire (Richmondshire CC).

Bridlington CC were crowned our Yorkshire Women's Softball Champions defeating Higham by 5 runs. With Debbie Farrington of Bridlington CC being awarded player of the day for her superb bowling figures in both the group stages and the final.



## **Regional Activity**

### **North**

In 2021 the North Yorkshire girls' programme began a long-term plan of delivering cricket to the masses across the region and a weekly girls' session was delivered for three months at Ampleforth College with over 70 girls attending throughout the weeks. This has set a base for things to come with plans of four hubs around the region in 2022.

With the launch of the new Dynamos Cricket programme from the ECB seven North Yorkshire clubs decided to deliver the programme for girls only. This gave girls an early entry route into club cricket as well as a great first experience playing the game around other girls. The programmes across the area saw 107 girls take part in the programme and sets the clubs in good stead to field girls teams in the coming seasons.

The Hambleton Women's League took off in 2021 with 6 teams across the area competing. With 30 fixtures played over the season the league was a great success in engaging new and old teams, the league has now attracted more clubs and will continue to grow over the coming years.

### **East**

2021 saw huge growth for Women's cricket across East Yorkshire and there were six women's softball festivals across the region. With 8 clubs running women's cricket the aim was to bring them together and start competition between the clubs. This quickly became a regular fixture for the women playing across the area with a huge increase in fixtures from 36 in 2019 to 101 in 2021. With the festival format allowing teams flexibility in when they play as well as a fun environment to play in, this has resulted in huge growth in playing numbers as well as enthusiasm to move the Women's game forward in the coming years. In 2022 East Yorkshire will have its first Women's Cricket League with both softball and hardball leagues due to take place.

The East Yorkshire Girls programme has been a huge asset in the growth of girl's cricket in the area over the past few years, the programme gives girls playing cricket in clubs another outlet as well as a chance to play with just girls for those whose clubs don't have specific girls section. Over the season 142 girls were involved with the programme. The girls were given access to high level coaches as well as coaching from North Diamonds players, this has given the girls brilliant role models and inspired them to play more cricket. The programme also organised fixture days that incorporated club fixtures, this has set the foundation for an U15s Girls League in East Yorkshire next year. As well as this and on the back of the East Yorkshire Junior League Girls Festivals the area will also have a softball league at U11 year new for 2022.

### **South**

In 2021 17 teams from 14 clubs all signed up to the re-launch of the SY Softball Cricket League and after consultation from the clubs, it was agreed to have a 10-week season with a SY finals

day at the end of the season with the clubs being divided into divisions (Div1, Div2 South & Div2 North) based on previous softball experience.



In Div1, Higham 1<sup>st</sup> team were crowned League and Finals Day Champions going the season unbeaten with Sheffield Collegiate 1<sup>st</sup> team runners up in both the league and finals day.

Both teams went on to represent South Yorkshire at the County Softball finals at Goole Town CC in September, with Higham narrowly losing to Bridlington CC by just 5 runs in the final.



In Div2 North, Hatfield Town & Tickhill Panthers were tied at the top of the league on points and could only be separated by Net Run Rate which Tickhill narrowly edged. Div2 championship finals day again saw Tickhill edge narrowly past Hatfield Town to claim a league and finals day double.

In Div2 South, any one of 4 teams could have won the league going into the last round of fixtures, but it was Sheffield Collegiate 2<sup>nd</sup> team that came out victorious. All was not lost for one of the other 3 teams as Sheffield Super Queens claimed the Div2 Plate winner's trophy over Anston Arrows on finals day.



On the back of the outdoor softball league, feedback taken from clubs was that the Women wanted to play on through the winter. 37 teams from 18 clubs have entered into the leagues (25 for softball and 12 for hardball) and will play with their organised divisional leagues throughout the winter and into April before the pre-season for the outdoor leagues begin. This is not only the

highest intake of teams for an indoor league in Yorkshire (men & women) but one of the highest (if not, the highest) nationwide.

The SY W&G Indoor and Outdoor League currently don't have a sponsor and are on the lookout for any willing businesses that are keen to support this ever growing league.

A 'Dynamos style' Countdown cricket Girls only festival was also run with a view for this to help springboard the Ben Jessop junior league into running a girls only league the following summer. There were two events over the summer, both showing great success having 9 team entries across the two events with amazing feedback from parents, children, and the clubs themselves

## West



### MCCF Bradford girls hub – U15s National Champions

Despite the lack of training over the winter due to COVID-19, the Bradford MCCF hub went ahead in the Spring and a strong U15 side entered the inaugural National Tournament. After battling through the rounds, the Bradford girls made history by playing in the Lord's final and winning the trophy. This incredible achievement has helped increase interest from girls

throughout West Yorkshire. No sooner was the competition over at the end of September, and a new programme of indoor training was set up at Woodlands CC for girls aged 10-15, leading to a young West Yorkshire girls team entering the South Yorkshire indoor hardball league, fantastic experience for the girls. For some, this was the first time the girls had been given the opportunity to train and play with other girls, building a solid foundation for competitive hardball cricket from a young age.

A number of festivals were hosted at clubs in West Yorkshire, supported by the YCB over the summer. These saw teams formed a couple of years previously getting back in on the action, alongside brand new teams giving cricket a go for the first time. During 2021 around 16 women's softball teams were established, building firm foundations for a planned regional league in 2022.

6 teams took part in an indoor league, organised by YCB at Parkside Community Centre. Matches took place on Sundays across six weeks, culminating in a finals day just before Christmas. More evidence of real momentum for all-year round Women and Girls cricket

# Disability Cricket

## Lords Taverners SUPER 1S

2021 saw the resurgence of our nationally recognised SUPER 1S programme in partnership with Lords Taverners after a tough year previously due to COVID-19. Disability Development Manager 'Rohan Randhawa' into his fourth year of leading on the initiative said, *"This by far is the best year yet, being able to see all the participants returning to their weekly HUB sessions and connecting with friends was life changing, not only for the participants but for their families too"*.

The aim of the SUPER 1S is to give young people aged 12-25 with disabilities the chance to regularly play cricket within their communities for free and we are very proud to have offered the opportunity to play across six HUBS county wide spanning across Sheffield, Leeds, Dewsbury, Barnsley, Huddersfield, and York with over 120 regular participants attending weekly.

Yet again Yorkshire proved itself to have one of the most impactful SUPER 1S programmes in the country and saw the start of a brand-new HUB based in Leeds at St Chads Broomfield CC that is also an ECB club champion club. *This is a perfect example of the new partnership work between Lord's Taverners and the ECB with the SUPER 1S and the ECB Club Champion initiative working hand in hand to ensure cricket remains an inclusive sport for everyone.*



*Paul Berry the chairman at St Chads Broomfield CC commented:*

*"Bringing disability cricket to our club has been fantastic, and it has been our pleasure to work with the YCB and a wonderful group of volunteers, parents and most importantly children with disabilities. We hope to build on this over the coming years"*.

Another major highlight of 2021 was being able to run two Unity events, the first in partnership with Lancashire Cricket foundation in August at York St John University and the later in partnership with the Yorkshire Cricket Foundations Wicketz Project at Headingley stadium in October.

The event, hosted at Headingley Stadium in October, helped participants from Leeds, York and Bradford taking part in both programmes to engage with people they wouldn't normally get the opportunity to.



Ailith Harley Roberts, a parent of a Super 1s participant taking part in the event, and co-founder of Sunshine and Smiles (Leeds Down Syndrome Network), commented:

*"It's a really gentle environment that's relaxed, they give the children lots of time, so everybody understands. It's an accessible and inclusive*

*group. Having activities that are accessible and at a pace that works for children with additional needs is important. A so-called mainstream environment would be too quick for a lot of the group but the Super 1s sessions gives them a chance to learn things. Without that opportunity they wouldn't be able to access cricket".*

### Lords Taverners Table Cricket



Table cricket is an adapted version of cricket, played on a table tennis table and specially designed to give young people with a disability the chance to play and compete in the sport we all love. This year Yorkshire has delivered the programme to over 50 SEND schools and community centres supporting close to 2,000 participants county wide.

### Table Cricket Competitions 2022

- South Yorkshire - Tuesday 8th February @ Barnsley College
- East Riding - Wednesday 16th February @Kings Mill School (Driffield)
- Hull - Thursday 3rd March @ St Mary College (Hull)

- North Yorkshire- Tuesday 15th February @ York St John University (Haxby Road)
- West Yorkshire- Friday 11th February @ Heaton Tennis and Squash Club (Bradford)

### Yorkshire Disability Squads (D40 & S9'S)

This season saw the first season for our D40 hardball squads introduction into the ECB division 2 North league and there was an undoubted learning for every single player in the squad. There is much to be pleased about as some players have taken to playing D40 with ease and will continue to progress, although some may have not scored lots of runs or taken many wickets in their first season the spirit and determination among the squad is unquestioned. The addition of Deaf players has been a real positive for the disability squads and has increased the player pool for both the hardball and softball squads.

A big thanks goes to all the volunteers, coaches, and captains associated with both squads without their support it would make getting on the park a difficult task across the county. The S9'S enjoyed an eventful season that saw new players join the team for their first taste of competitive cricket.

Both softball and hardball sides have enjoyed getting back out on to the field this year competing against several strong counties. The results have been hard to come by, but the squad has grown to over 30 players which is crucial for the future and sustainability of disability elite cricket in Yorkshire.

### Sowerby Bridge Cricket Club Chairman Steve Jordan - commented

*"When we did get in touch with the Yorkshire Disability Team offering to help, it was clear they were a group of very keen cricketers not only looking for grounds to host games on but to also try and raise the profile of disability cricket and get more people involved. I'd encourage any club to get behind these teams and show them some support"*

### Higham Cricket Club COO Dan Bamforth- Commented

*"It was an absolute privilege to host Yorkshire vs Lancashire. The game was played in excellent spirits Lancashire recalled a Yorkshire batsman when given out LBW – the fielders in close saw that he had got some bat on it. The standard of the game surprised many of us, with both sides showcasing some unbelievably gifted cricketers. We'd love to host again, and it was a great day for all involved."*

# ECB Competitions

ECB Indoor 6 a Side Competition 2020/21. The pandemic meant that there was neither a conclusion to the 2019/20 competition (in which Woodlands were still involved) nor a fresh competition.

## ECB U-13/15 VitalityT20 Competitions 2021.

The 2021 competition was dominated by the brilliant junior section of New Rover CC, with victories in both the U13 and U15 Yorkshire Finals (details below).



Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2021, the Yorkshire Final of the U-13 Competition was kindly hosted once more by Hunslet Nelson CC.

The Final was between New Rover CC and Ossett CC, with New Rover (118-8) triumphing over Ossett (70-7).

<https://newrover.play-cricket.com/website/results/4932554>

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021, the Yorkshire Final of the U-15 Competition was kindly hosted by Doncaster Town CC.

The Final was between Doncaster Town CC and New Rover CC, with New Rover (110-5) triumphing over Doncaster Town (100 all out)

<https://newrover.play-cricket.com/website/results/4938211>



After winning the Yorkshire stages of the tournament, both went on to become Northern champions and make it through to National Finals Day at Rugby School in August. The New Rover U13s finished national runners-up while their U15s finished 4<sup>th</sup> overall (with Rohan Ratnalingam finishing as overall leading run scorer for the national tournament).

# Diverse Communities

## Report by Umar Rafiq on the BAME Management Group

Whilst its work has been somewhat impacted by the pandemic, the BAME Management Group reports directly to YCCC/YCB/YCF, with a diverse make up of stakeholders including women's representation. The group will have a role to monitor and help deliver national programmes with emphasis on BAME participation and development. The operational structure consists of four Committees: Club & Leagues, Participation and Growth, Player/Coach Pathway, and women & girls.

Sadly, no in person development Centres have operated in 2021, however, there has been planning, through new committees to diversify what we offer in terms of funding. Moving forward, plans are to work more collaboratively with the community and existing groups to understand what is needed and to ensure coverage across the county.

Joint working with YCCC/YCF to make Yorkshire Cricket will mean more broad and responsible approach to the community through equality, diversity and inclusion planning.

## Community Talent Champion 2021



The Community Talent Champion scheme was launched in 2021 to improve connections between South Asian communities playing in non-affiliated cricket environments and the existing talent pathway. The ECB South Asian Action Plan identified a lack of South Asian representation in professional cricket and the need to improve the balance at each stage of the talent pathway.

Following the start of the successful scheme in Yorkshire, we successfully identified three players who have now since progressed into the YCB district and regional pathway system thanks to the Community Talent Champion (CTC) programme. Following various observations, Anas Yahya (under 13s), Muhammad Hariss (under 14s) and Ayan Ahsan (under 12s) were



successfully picked and will train with Yorkshire's district and regional pathways this winter with ongoing developmental support.

It's been a fantastic first year for the new CTC programme in Yorkshire. The main objective at the start of the year was to ensure that we improved on our connections between South Asian communities playing in non-affiliated cricket environments and the existing talent pathway for players aged 10-15. We worked closely with our partners at the ECB and NACC to build a trusted network of information providers that has helped us create a database of talented players from South Asian communities in Bradford, Batley and Dewsbury.

We have seen over 1,000 young cricketers this summer and we look forward to continuing this crucial work through the winter and in to 2022 where we are planning to expand the programme. The CTC programme was mindful of ensuring that any players that the programme recommended were of the required ability. It was important that the scheme did not set the players up to fail as we continue to look for talented players across the region. The aim was to build on the start we have made to find, mentor, and guide young players from diverse backgrounds and their families through the winter Pathways training sessions, and hopefully into the county age group sides in the summer.

Previously, Asmi Shembeker had been recommended through the scheme and is now a regular member of Yorkshire's County Age Group girls under 18 squad after making an impressive debut opening the bowling against Scotland. She has gained a place on the EPP with the Yorkshire Diamonds, a great achievement for her and the programme. Overall, the Community Talent Champion role has created links within the local diverse communities that we did not previously have. It has enabled us to offer further opportunities for talented individuals within our District, Regional and County Age Groups. We look forward to further players joining our programmes and working closely with them.

# All Stars, Dynamos and Schools Cricket

## All Stars and Dynamos

2021 was another great year for All Stars Cricket & Dynamos. All Stars Cricket is the England and Wales Cricket Board's entry level participation programme, aimed at providing children aged five to eight with a great first experience in cricket. Dynamos Cricket then provides a fantastic next step for all those graduating from All Stars Cricket and the perfect introduction for all 8-11 year-olds new to the sport!

Once again the numbers from our Yorkshire clubs were outstanding:

### All Stars statistics

- Centres: 238
- Sign Ups: 6793
- Average sign up per centre: 28.5



### Dynamos statistics

- Centres: 156
- Sign Ups: 2365
- Average sign up per centre: 15.1



The numbers speak for themselves! The programme has been extremely successful in engaging a new audience to cricket. We are seeing clubs being able to start U9 teams, we are seeing more parents volunteering in clubs, and we are also seeing some past players reignite their love for the game and playing some senior cricket.

A huge well done to all the clubs, All Stars/Dynamos Activators, volunteers & coaches who have been a part of the programme. Having over 9,000 children running around at local cricket clubs is key for our sport to continue to grow and for club cricket to survive.

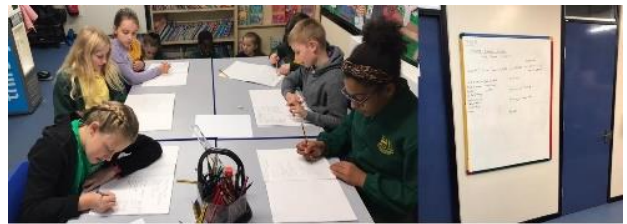
## YCB Schools Programme

The Yorkshire Schools Support Programme - designed in the height of the pandemic, has been a huge success across Yorkshire. From June 2020, Community Cricket Officers from Yorkshire Cricket Board have delivered high quality, safe PE to over 70 schools and delivered over 1020 hours!



- A Yorkshire Cricket team of qualified coaches supports schools with delivery of safe and curriculum-based physical activity, tailored for each year group (reception through to Year 6)
- 12 Hours of high-quality PE, Sport, Cricket & general provision support for schools is provided.
- Cost for Yorkshire Schools program: **£325.00**

Continuing into 2021 – the programme has flourished and played a crucial role in the YCB coaches accessing more schools across the county from September to December, and has shown that cricket, no matter what time of year, can be accessible for everyone.



A new addition to the programme for 2021 has been our 'Primary Cricket Leaders' course. With the help of Yorkshire Cricket's Coach Development team, this 2-hour course has been added to the 12 hour offer for schools to utilise. This highlights the importance of transferable skills and of taking a holistic approach to learning so as to encourage additional activity at lunch time and after school clubs, led by the new Primary Cricket Leaders.

# The Cricket Workforce

## Coach Education



Well 2021 has certainly been different again but the Coach Education Team still managed to have a great year developing coaches across the county.

During 2021 the team put:

- 130 learners through the ECB Support Coach course
- 195 learners through the Foundation I
- 196 learners through the current L2 (Blended Version) of which 36 were overseas learners.
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Very exciting times lie ahead with the ECB Core Coach (new L2) landing in the new year, and 7 confirmed dates/venues on the website (<http://www.yorkshirecb.com/page/coach-ed/education/courses-5932/>)



There are now three ECB Coach Development courses that make up the Foundation Phase of coaching.

- ECB Support Coach – 16 years+ to register.
- ECB Foundation I Coach – 17 years+ to register, 18 to receive certification.
- ECB Core Coach – 17 years+ to register, 18 to receive certification.

The team have also added a Yorkshire Cricket Award, Introduction to Coaching for over 12s. This has proved very popular with 140 young people attended during 2021. This will be running at clubs as part of the CoachEd program during Spring/Summer 2022 with the aim of increasing

numbers during this period. Once attended these young people support coaches at clubs with the All Stars, Dynamos, under 9 cricket, primary school delivery etc.

To add to the team's portfolio this year they administrated and supported courses for ICC Europe in Spain, Czech Rep, Norway, Finland, Austria, Serbia, Guernsey.

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On behalf of the Yorkshire Cricket Coach Development we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support over the last 12 months, we have worked with some amazing clubs and people and very much look forward to working with you in the future.

Best Wishes

Yorkshire Cricket Coach Development

## Officials

In 2020 the YCB formed the Officials' Management Group with the aim of attracting more umpires and scorers into the game and reversing the decline in the number of officials which is affecting all sports. In addition to the traditional recruitment area of ex club and league players, four underrepresented communities were identified. These were:

- Women and girls
- Young officials
- Black, Asian and minority ethnic groups
- Volunteers

Scoring, which has traditionally been a club responsibility and has different needs to umpiring, has also been identified for support.

The lack of face-to-face courses and the restrictions on certain festivals and outdoor activities has not helped development of this initiative but, despite these, good progress has been made in several areas.

The Women's Hundred and the Rachael Heyhoe Flint Trophy have raised the profile of women and girls in cricket. Several well attended courses specifically for women and girls have therefore been held. This has been helped by two female umpires from the county being accepted onto the panel standing in the Women's Hundred and Rachael Heyhoe Flint Trophy. Both reported a positive experience and benefitted from being mentored by professional umpires. Two more female umpires have been nominated for 2022.

Seventeen females completed the online It's Your Call Umpire Education Stage Two and gave permission to be contacted. These will be followed up along with all the other attendees on both Stages One and Two.

Cricket officiating, either umpiring or scoring, can give many life skills, such as self-confidence and people management skills to young people. During 2021 young officials were appointed to an Under 15s festival at Barnard Castle. Feedback was very positive, and it is intended to work with coaches to repeat this at Barnard Castle and elsewhere in 2022.

Several courses at the Karmand Centre in Bradford have produced active umpires from the BAME community and this will be continued in 2022.

The return of All Stars and Dynamos has provided the opportunity to seek volunteers from the parents and relatives of children taking part in those initiatives. In 2022 we will be working with the Coaches Association to progress this further with tailored short courses for those parents who are interested in supporting their children by volunteering to do some officiating.

Although the last couple of years have been tough for all areas of sport, the framework is in place to move officiating forward in Yorkshire.

## Pitch Advisory and Grounds Education services report 2021

With the loom of Covid still around the world this continued to bring a halt to Face to Face delivery for most Grounds courses that were due to be delivered in 2021. With expectations returning for 2022 where it is hoped that the PAGES team will be able to host numerous Spring Preparation and Autumn Preparation courses.

Prior to the pandemic we began our first bespoke seminars named "Pest Laid Plans" which focused on how clubs can resolve the issue of pests within their grounds. These had to be postponed after only two seminars due to the pandemic. They will return for 2022 along with additional seminars based on the need analysis from clubs and leagues which shows the common issues and areas that Grounds persons require help with.

Our Pitch Advisory Service did manage to continue with 7 clubs throughout Yorkshire requiring the service of the County Pitch Advisor. This service does come at a cost but details of this can be found by contacting Richard Wilkinson [r.wilkinson@yorkshirecb.com](mailto:r.wilkinson@yorkshirecb.com)

We now have 5 CPAs within Yorkshire that are not solely attached to these areas but roughly cover these regions in Yorkshire:

Kevin Byrne (North/West)  
Malcolm Maw (East)  
Nick James (North/West)  
Andy Pierson (North)  
Mark Pearson (South)

We also have Nasa Hussain who is to become a CPA in 2022 and will be based in the West out of Bradford Park Avenue.

The Grounds Management Association (Former IOG) continue their partnership with the ECB. Their website offers informational videos and online courses for Grounds care and maintenance. All can be accessed at [Cricket Home | Grounds Management Toolkit \(thegma.org.uk\)](https://www.thegma.org.uk)

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## YCCC Charitable Youth Trust

The Charitable Youth Trust continued to be active in 2021 (despite the curtailments imposed by Covid precautions upon our sport) and went some way in its pursuit of the objective to encourage young people within the county to take an active part in cricket. The main activities which the Trust supported financially were firstly those schemes, Enjoy Cricket and Pop-Up Cricket, administered by the Yorkshire Cricket Foundation and secondly, the Schools Programme administered by the Yorkshire Cricket Board.

That the Enjoy Cricket programme flourished once again throughout the county, particularly in its southern and western areas, was a great credit to its manager, Kendal James, of the YCF. Kendal managed the scheme which offers clubs the chance to promote the game to local youngsters by running a cricket course, often during the school summer holidays. Such courses are run by local coaches on behalf of the clubs and the coaches are paid by the Trust. The cost to participants is minimal and a small charge is made for the administration. The result is a scheme in which everyone is a winner! There are no hidden catches, and the only surprise is that more clubs don't take advantage of this great scheme as young players, coaches and the clubs themselves are all rewarded for their participation. Under the umbrella of Enjoy Cricket 54 courses were delivered in 2021 at 37 centres giving a total of just below 700 hours of cricket for over 6,900 of Yorkshire's youngsters.

Pop-Up Cricket is a scheme also promoted by the YCF and backed financially by the Trust. This scheme encourages games of cricket in local parks or multi-use community areas, often in inner cities across the county. Backed by local coaches again, the scheme has introduced youngsters from a whole variety of ethnic backgrounds to the game and is able to distribute bats and balls to those showing an interest to allow that interest to flourish further. In 2021 68 such days were delivered in 23 centres in Yorkshire with over 1,300 participants.

The YCB Schools Programme is supported by the Trust to a considerable financial extent so that the scheme can be extended to include more schools in the county and in particular some of those situated in more deprived areas. The support given to each school has also been lengthened because of the Trust's involvement. In consequence during the last academic year 85 additional schools were able to receive visits across the county. I can only emphasise that this is extra to the already-existing YCB programme of school visits. Once again, the Trust is having an influence to the good in Yorkshire cricket.

The Charitable Youth Trust will continue to support Yorkshire's youngsters and promote a love of cricket among them. What better way to do this than to help in the establishment of a greater number of active coaches in the county? Therefore, the Trust agreed to provide a number of bursaries helping candidates to meet the cost of coach education courses with the aim of creating more and more active coaches to support its other activities and to be an influence throughout the grassroots game. This scheme remains in its infancy but is beginning to have an impact.



This report provides an insight into the work of the Charitable Youth Trust in 2021. If you would like to know more, please follow the link on the YCB web site and you should be able to access further information about the CYT.

**M. Stones**



*(Some Enjoy Cricketers at Whitby)*

## Finance

The financial results for the period ended 30 September 2021 are summarized below. Revenues have once again been interrupted by COVID-19, with the boys county age group district centres unable to run.

Coach Education were able to deliver a full year of courses due to learning aspects being able to be taught remotely. Women's Cricket funding grew considerably, with three Women and Girls managers hired across the county. Chance To Shine incomes were partly interrupted in the winter time but due to the fantastic work of our coaches we were able to deliver around 80% of the planned program.

The Board once again used the Government Furlough Scheme for staff when they were unable to work due to COVID-19 restrictions

	Year ended 30-Sep-21	Year ended 30-Sep-20
	£'000	£'000
<i>Revenue</i>		
ECB Trust	844	713
County Age Group and Regional Cricket	45	142
Coach Education	104	69
Disability	25	33
BME/South Asian programme	25	33
Women's Cricket	113	43
Chance To Shine	210	147
Club Support	53	50
Other	385	220
Total Revenue	1,804	1,450
Directly attributable operating costs	1,236	1,101
Gross Contribution	568	349
Indirect Overheads	245	175
Surplus / (Deficit)	323	174