



Report to Hillhead Sports Club September 2021

The current 2021 cricket season is ongoing and is not scheduled to finish until 18 September 2021.

Due to Scottish Government Covid Levels, the season was delayed by 2 weeks and is still subject to numerous protocols and temporary regulations. However, we did manage to get back to playing in June.

The 1st XI currently sit 2nd in Division 2 of the WDCU. The 2nd XI are mid table in Division 3.

This year the club entered the Cricket Scotland Challenge Trophy. We had an excellent run, making it to the final where we agonisingly lost by 2 runs.

In the shorter forms of the game, the Evening League XI finished mid table in Division 2. They also made it to the semi final of the Greenwood Cup losing out to the eventual winners.

Our junior sides once again continued to thrive. We had 2 stand alone sides at Kwik cricket (under 10) & under 12 age groups. We also had 2 joint sides at under 12 & 14.

The club once again ran the very successful Allstars programme for 5-8 year olds on Friday nights. This year we also participated in the Dynamos programme for 9-12 year olds on the same night. Some 50 children regularly attending over the 8 week period.

The club managed to restart one of our Community Coaching sessions this year at Hillhead Primary School.

Once again due to Covid Regulations, we have not been able to hold any indoor net/practice sessions for seniors or juniors. We are still uncertain if we will be able to run any indoor training over this winter.

All of our fundraising events, including the Craik Cup annual dinner have been put on hold. We are also not aware when it will be possible to use any of the upstairs function/bar facilities at Hughenden for social events.

The cricket club has set aside funding to remove the current artificial strip and return this to a grass wicket. This will allow us to have an 8 strip grass square, which is a pre requisite for promotion to Division 1. At the time of writing, we have not heard back from the Board of Directors if this will go ahead this autumn.

The general condition of the square is not good. Despite the Sports Club spending a considerable sum of money on regeneration a couple of years ago, there has been a rapid deterioration in its quality since then.

However, Adam the current groundsman, has identified the issues and causes and hopefully will be able to address these in the autumn & spring maintenance programme.

John Ferguson

Chair

Hillhead Cricket Club