



# Shaftesbury Cricket Club

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## Club Development Earns Results with Youth Success in 2016

### About Us

Shaftesbury Cricket Club was formed before 1850, making it one of the Country's oldest continuous cricket clubs. Traditionally the club has been built around providing senior cricket but over the past 12 years has encouraged the development of youth cricket with more cricket being played today than any time in its history.

The club relocated to a new ground just outside the town when the lease on the previous ground expired. It is totally reliant on the income from its membership to meet the running costs of the club.

The day to day running of the club relies on the goodwill and hard work of a small number of volunteer who give up their time to insure everything is ready and available. Providing youth cricket requires people taking the time to become qualified coaches. The Club has three ECB Level 2 coaches, two Coaching Assistants and two ECB qualified umpires.

### Club Development

In the past 3 years, major developments have taken place to the clubs equipment and facilities including carpeting and redecoration of the main club room and changing rooms.

Playing facilities have been updated with the installation of a new artificial wicket for youth players and wheel on rain covers to provide protection for the wicket from wet weather. This gives the ability to play games which in the past would have been cancelled.

In addition, the club has built a new website providing information on the club and details players and parents need alongside its facebook

page. These achievements could not have been possible without the help of our sponsors and local grants. We thank all of them and hope they will continue their support.



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Whats next? There is a long list of items the club would like to invest in and enhancements the facilities. These include new Practice Nets, Sight Screens, Electronic Score Board, leveled and hardcore safe parking behind the pavilion, Kitchen Refurb and more.

The aim is to become a club with premier facilities where people want to come, play and host District Youth Matches.

### Youth Cricket

The club has been developing its Youth cricket since it started 12 years ago. It has seen players come through its ranks and now flourish in the senior teams.

Shaftesbury Youth Cricket provides coaching to all and runs teams which play in the North Dorset Cricket Association (NDCA) Youth Cricket Leagues. The main aim is to get children interested in cricket and wanting to play, in recent years player development has yielded success.

Following a restructure of the youth setup in 2010 it has seen league and cup success

2012 – NDCA U9 League Champions

2014 – NDCA U11 League Champions

2016 – NDCA U13 Indoor Champions

2016 – NDCA U13 League Champions

2016 – NDCA U13 Cup Winners

Individual players have also seen personal success playing representative District cricket for North Dorset with two players having been named in the Dorset County U14 squad for 2017.



2016 – NDCA U13 League & Cup Winners

In 2016 Shaftesbury Cricket Club ran 4 youth teams across 3 age-groups, giving children from the age of 10-15 the opportunity to play cricket.

U11's, the youngest age group, many of whom are playing for the first time. After an introductory season, the team will be looking to push on in 2017.

U13's, a large number of participants from school years 7 and 8, the club ran two teams. Shaftesbury Falcons U13 team were crowned league winners. They completed the double, winning the U13 knock out cup leaving them unbeaten for the season. Shaftesbury Hawks, who consisted of mainly players from year 7 and will continue at U13 in 2017, finished the season in a credible 7th place after 2 wins.

U15's, Shaftesbury completed a remarkable summer in the U15 league, finishing as runners up. The club hosted the NDCA U15 Cup Final and presentation

evening, a game in which they also finished runners up with team made up of U13's.

## Looking Forward to 2017

In 2017, Shaftesbury Cricket Club are looking to continue to its work and reintroduce an U9 team as well as teams in the U11, U13 and U15's. It is our aim to get as many children playing cricket as possible.

## Sponsorship

The club would not be able to continue to develop the ground and facilities without the generosity of local businesses and organisations.

Sponsorship banners are displayed during the season from April to September.



Sponsorship Banners

The club needs to continue improving some of its facilities to offer everyone the best experience.

If you are able or know anyone who can support us in any way, please contact the Head of Club Development.

If you are interested in or know an organisation who would be interested in sponsorship, either financially or by other means, please get in touch.

For further information on Shaftesbury Cricket Club visit [www.shaftesburycricket.co.uk](http://www.shaftesburycricket.co.uk)

We look forward to seeing you in 2017!

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