

Activities and Membership at Winsley Cricket Club

At an adult, senior level, Winsley Cricket Club runs three teams on Saturdays playing League Cricket, a Sunday and a midweek recreational teams.

In 2017, the Club ran youth teams as follows,

Teams playing evening cricket in the Bath and District Youth league at under 11, under 13, and under 15 level.

An Under13 girls team playing in the Bath and District Youth league

An under 13 youth team playing Sundays in the Wiltshire Youth league.

Children Under 11 were accommodated mainly on Friday Evenings with fun and learning the game and attending Kwik Cricket Festivals for the age range at neighbouring clubs on Sunday mornings. Winsley hosted its Kwik Cricket Festival at its President's Day in July.

Other use of the Club during 2017 was made

Hosting Wiltshire County Representative Cricket

Wiltshire v Cornwall Over 50s.

Wiltshire v Gloucestershire Under 12s

Wiltshire v Shropshire Girls Under 17s

The Bradford and Melksham Area Primary Schools Kwik Cricket competition which attracts usually 8 schools, including Winsley C of E

Bradford St Laurence School using the ground for school matches.

A week's summer cricket school at the beginning of the Summer Holidays, under 9s in the morning, over 10s in the afternoon.

The Club also took part in the ECB's initiative "Chance to Shine" with a Winsley Cricket Club Coach going into Winsley and other Schools in Bradford on Avon to offer cricket to Primary School pupils.

The plan for 2018 for Winsley Cricket Club will hopefully be much the same as 2017 but until we get nearer the start of the season, we do not fully know the playing resources available. Some of the young people will shuffle through to the next age range. In 2016 we were able to run 2 under 11 boys teams.

Winsley catchment area for players both senior and youth comes within roughly a 5 mile radius of Winsley, including Bradford on Avon, Westwood, South Bath, Monkton Combe, Limpley Stoke, Holt. The youth cricket feeds players into the senior teams. School leavers go off to University, move for jobs or find other things to do. In 2017 we had several under graduates return in mid summer to play cricket.

We have long serving senior players who now live further afield who recognise Winsley as their Club, continue to play and we want them to play. 2 players live in Calne, 1 in Littleton Pannell and 1 in Mere. On the downside, we lost key members to other Clubs, 1 to Biddestone, 1 to Marshfield.

I have been involved with Winsley Cricket club since 1984, a life sentence. I have never lived in the village.

The membership is very fluid. In 2017 we had over 50 senior players and 80 young people attending Winsley CC youth or practice sessions.

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