



Odiham & Greywell Cricket Club

Welcome Letter from the Club Welfare Officer

Dear Parents and Carers

Odiham & Greywell (OGCC) welcome you and your child(ren) to the Club. We hope you will all enjoy being members of the Club and that your child(ren) will enjoy the coaching and matches, as well as the social events available at the Club. The aim of this letter is to provide information that may be helpful to you as new members. Please do ask me, or any other Management Committee member, or coach if you have any other questions not covered by this letter.

The Club is run by volunteers (only our bar staff are paid employees) so we are always welcome offers of help from our members. We hope that as you feel part of the Club you will feel able to get involved. We depend heavily on the income from our Bar and members' social events so attending these is a great way to get to know other members and support the Club .

A full list of Officers of the Club and members of the Management Committee is available on the Club notice board and on the Club's website. For immediate reference the members of the MC include:

Chairman – Jason Cross (kingskeepATvirgin.net)

Head of Youth Cricket - Mark Passmore (markATriver-flowers.co.uk)

Welfare Officer – Betty Read (bet.readATbtinternet.com)

Secretary – Jane Brown (janebrown2407ATgmail.com)

OGCC is a Clubmark club (a quality mark administered by the ECB which is principally concerned with ensuring that club's provide a safe, professional, and welcoming environment in which to train and play cricket) and we adhere to the 'Safe Hands' Policy for Safeguarding Children in Cricket. All of the adults at the club who work with children and meet the necessary criteria are Vetted by the ECB. This includes the enhanced DBS and 'Barred List' check (formerly known as CRB checks).

Whilst we hope your child will be happy and content at the club, we understand that sometimes questions, concerns or difficulties may arise. Please feel able to raise these as soon as possible, so we can rectify things at the earliest opportunity. If you have a question regarding coaching, please approach the coach in the first instance. However, please do not interrupt coaching sessions, especially nets practice, as this may distract the coach when he or she needs to be supervising the children. Our coaches will be happy to speak to you before or after training or at another convenient time.

If you have questions about kit requirements , training times, pick up arrangements etc., please check the website as most information can be found there, or speak to either your team coach or administrator, or contact Mark Passmore. If you have any concern about your child or another child, or about the behaviour of any adult at the club, please speak to me, the Club Welfare officer – you can contact me on telephone : 07770 650090 or the email above (If your concern is about

me, you may contact the County Welfare Officer Helen Wheeler on tel: 07793 047324 or email: helen.wheeler@ageasbowl.com.

'Safe hands', ECB's Policy for safeguarding Children in cricket, is available to view online at www.ecb/safehands, or a copy is available at the club. Our policies are based on the "Safe Hands".

With your membership form you will have been given (had your attention drawn to) some important policies and codes to which we expect all our members and guests to adhere. These include the Codes of Conduct for all categories of members, our Safeguarding, Anti-bullying, and e-safety policies. These together with our Rules and Constitution, the ECB Coaches Code of Conduct, and our Diversity and Inclusion policy can all be found on the website. Please familiarize yourself with these and make sure that your child(ren) knows what is expected of them as club members and what they can expect from their coaches. Our key policies and the Codes of Conducts are also available on the Club notice board. If you have any queries relating to these policies please contact me.

Training times, Match days and dates are all on the website. Your child's coach and/or age group administrator will let you know if your child has been selected to play in advance of the match by email. Please ensure that we have your up to date contact information. Please note the club cannot accept responsibility for getting your child to away matches. We take your child's safety seriously, so please ensure that your child is properly equipped to participate in training and/or matches (including helmets/pads) and that they are provided with a drink, a hat, and are wearing sun-cream. Please let us know if your child has any medical condition or other need which might impact on their ability to participate in either training or matches so that we can make such accommodations as are necessary. All young cricketers must sign in at the beginning of each training session and you are responsible for collecting them at the end of the session: we do not take responsibility for children outside of the set training times /before or after matches. If your child plays in a senior team they must come to training/matches already changed (see: Changing Policy).

The Club is always looking for parental help – please do consider helping out if you can whether it is by running the weekly BBQ which takes place during the junior season, by umpiring junior matches, or helping with doing team administration for your child's team. If you are interested in coaching and/or helping with coaching then please contact the Head of Youth Cricket. We are always keen to welcome new senior players (male and female) so if you would like to get involved please contact the Cricket Chair: Chris Turner at: christurner1953ATaol.com.

Our website contains a lot of useful information. If you cannot access the information in this format please let me or Mark know and we will endeavor to provide it in a form which is accessible to you.

Yours sincerely

Betty Read
Club Welfare Officer