



[Together Through This Test](#) is a nationwide campaign launched by ECB to shine a light on how the cricket family has reached out to local communities during COVID-19. The campaign highlights some of the unsung heroes from across the professional and recreational game as well as providing updates on, as well as


launching new, cricket-led initiatives that the public can get involved in to help support their local community.

More than 200 campaigns have already been launched across cricket in England and Wales from volunteers at local clubs embarking on long-distance charity runs to players, coaches and staff at first-class counties phoning members to check on their wellbeing. Here in Cheshire we have witnessed dozens of examples of 'togetherness' from our clubs, including the provision of free face masks for the local community, donating to food banks, scarecrow cricketers, 'at home' cricket and fitness videos and many, many more. Below we have listed some of the examples sent to us by Cheshire clubs.

Club	Together Through this Test
Warrington CC	<b>At Home Cricket with Tom Jones</b>
	Warrington CC junior coach Tom Jones (CricketCoach365) produced a series of 'at home' cricket videos to inspire children during the lockdown. The videos and accompanying coaching cards were featured in the Warrington Guardian. Click <a href="#">here</a> to read the full story. Tom's YouTube channel – <a href="#">click here</a>
Warrington CC	<b>Super Ted keeps Warrington moving</b>
	Warrington CC junior Teddy Hastings, aged 10, was recognised by the national press for creating a series of fitness videos to keep other children moving during the lockdown. Teddy, who also plays rugby union and football, created a YouTube channel called 'TedFit' where he uploads daily workouts inspired by themes from sports and films. Full story – <a href="#">click here</a> . TedFit YouTube link – <a href="#">click here</a>
Nantwich CC	<b>On your Bike with Nantwich CC</b>
	With the season delayed due to COVID-19, some members of Nantwich Cricket Club have decided to take on a new challenge. Instead of playing at each cricket ground this season, on Saturday July 18 <sup>th</sup> they have decided to cycle to each cricket ground in the CCCL Premier Division. The 150 mile route will start at NCC and cover grounds such as Chester Boughton Hall, Neston and Hyde. All monies raised will go to St Luke's Cheshire Hospice. Read more and donate <a href="#">here</a> .
Elworth CC	<b>Elworth CC – 'Beat the Pros'</b>
	As part of the North Staffordshire and South Cheshire League's #smashthetash campaign, raising money for NHS charities, Elworth CC have set their own challenge 'Beat the Pros'. The aim is for members to walk/bike/run a combined total of 9580 miles between June 13 <sup>th</sup> and Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> as they look to pass the milestone of 9579 runs scored by the last five Elworth professionals. Read more and donate <a href="#">here</a> .

<p><b>Wilmslow CC</b></p>	<p><b>Squirrels deliver Face Masks to Wilmslow residents</b></p>
	<p>Wilmslow Cricket Club showed their initiative and community spirit in the midst of the COVID-19 crisis by providing free club-branded facemasks to local residents and businesses. The good will of the club captured the attention of the national press, with The Guardian running a short story about the initiative.</p> <p><a href="#">Latest news</a></p> <p>To order a mask: <a href="mailto:social@wilmslowcricketclub.com">social@wilmslowcricketclub.com</a></p> <p>To make a donation <a href="#">click here</a></p>
<p><b>Bollington CC</b></p>	<p><b>Bolly support key workers at Macclesfield Hospital</b></p>
	<p>Members of Bollington Cricket Club helped to mobilise the local community to provide a donation of moisturising cream to front line workers at Macclesfield Hospital. The kind gesture was well received as this <a href="#">heartwarming picture</a> from the club's instagram page shows.</p>
<p><b>Bredbury SM CC</b></p>	<p><b>Bredbury's Virtual Cricket video</b></p>
	<p>In the early days of the lockdown, several clubs produced some eye-catching isolation videos, none better than this effort from Bredbury St Marks CC. Featuring juniors and seniors, boys and girls, the innovative clip was a big hit on the club's <a href="#">Twitter page</a> while also raising awareness for the NHS.</p>
<p><b>Macclesfield CC</b></p>	<p><b>Milo's close shave to raise club funds</b></p>
	<p>As part of a club-wide effort to generate funds during COVID-19, junior member Miles 'Milo' Bradshaw agrees to a 'very close shave' from his resident in-house barber (Mum). The Victoria Road club are looking to offset their 2020 season losses with a <a href="#">crowdfunding appeal</a> which is ongoing and have to date raised more than £7,500. Watch the video <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
<p><b>Irby CC</b></p>	<p><b>Irby cricketer runs back garden marathon</b></p>
	<p>Irby all-rounder John Harris swapped the streets of London for his own back garden as he completed an epic 26.2 mile run to raise money for two charities. John was due to compete in the London Marathon in April, but switched his attention to the home made course which saw him complete 1210 laps of his garden in just over 4 hours. John has raised more than £9,500 for the NHS and contributed (via Clic Sargent) to a memorial fund for Will Falck, which has now exceeded £36,000.</p> <p>To donate to Wirral NHS Trust <a href="#">click here</a></p> <p>To contribute to the Will Falck (Clic Sargent) appeal <a href="#">click here</a></p>
<p><b>Mottram CC</b></p>	<p><b>Virtual quiz proves big hit for Tameside club</b></p>
	<p>Residents of Mottram in Tameside have swapped <i>Ant and Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway</i> for something much closer to home! Each week, club members have been hosting a virtual quiz which grew so popular that local residents and even ex-pats in Australia and the USA dialled in to take part. The quiz has raised much needed funds to keep the club afloat during the lockdown. For full story <a href="#">click here</a>.</p>

<p>New Brighton CC</p> 	<p><b>Umpire Eddie finds his wings</b></p> <p>When coronavirus took grip on the world, popular New Brighton member and resident 2<sup>nd</sup> XI umpire Eddie Blowers found himself stranded in Turkey with no flight home. After spending over a month in Antalya with limited funds, his NBCC colleagues came to the rescue and clubbed together to fund his eventual flight back to the UK. Joseph Dilnot organised the fundraising effort, details of which can be <a href="#">found here</a>.</p>
<p>Northwich CC</p> 	<p><b>Scarecrows don the whites at Moss Farm</b></p> <p>When the league season was suspended indefinitely, members of Northwich CC were determined to put their ground at Moss Farm to good use. In an effort to raise funds for local NHS charities, creative club members made a team of scarecrow cricketers adorned in whites and with props to match! The scarecrows caught the attention of the local press and the public and inspired some copycat effigies at other clubs in the process. <a href="#">Full story</a>. Fundraising page – <a href="#">click here</a>.</p>
<p>Stockport Trinity CC</p> 	<p><b>Lockdown video raises money for local foodbank</b></p> <p>Junior members of Stockport Trinity became stars of the small screen for a day as they featured in their own lockdown video to help raise funds for Chelwood Foodbank Plus. There were plenty of big hits, spectacular catches and a catchy theme tune as the club raised more than £500 for a very worthwhile cause. <a href="#">Full story</a>. <a href="#">YouTube video</a>.</p>
<p>Timperley CC</p> 	<p><b>NHS workers honoured by Timperley groundstaff</b></p> <p>It became a familiar image on social media in the first few weeks of the 'season' as groundstaff from around the country paid homage to our NHS workers in their own individual way. Courtesy of some excellent drone footage, check out the handywork of the Timperley groundsmen via the club's <a href="#">Twitter feed</a>.</p>
<p>Lindow CC</p> 	<p><b>Quiet skies over Upcast Lane</b></p> <p>Perhaps inspired by Northwich's charity fundraiser, Lindow CC invited members of their club and local community to donate scarecrow cricketers to their ground improvement plans. The ground at Upcast Lane has undergone a major transformation in recent weeks following significant drainage and ground levelling works. With the once undulating outfield now resurfaced, the scarecrows were needed to keep away the birds! There were some creative efforts, with Michael Vaughan and Ben Stokes lookalikes leading the way. <a href="#">Full story</a>.</p>
<p>High Lane CC</p> 	<p><b>Clocking up the kilometres for the NHS</b></p> <p>Members of High Lane CC Running Club set themselves an ambitious challenge of clocking more than 2,000km throughout the month of May to raise £2,000 for NHS charities. At 'close of play' the group had completed more than 2,500km and smashed their Just Giving target, bringing in £3,100 for good causes. <a href="#">Full story</a>.</p>

Chester BH CC	Simon walks 24 hours for club fundraiser
	<p>With his club struggling to generate any income during COVID-19, kind-hearted Simon Law pulled on his walking boots and set about an incredible fundraising challenge. Walking for 24 hours straight around the Filkins Lane outfield, Simon was joined by fellow club members and well-wishers as he covered 67 miles on route to raising more than £8,500. Read the full story <a href="#">here</a>.</p>

These are just a few of the examples of the fantastic community spirit demonstrated by Cheshire clubs during the lockdown. If your club or club members have a story to tell, please send examples to [gareth.moorhouse@cheshirecricketboard.co.uk](mailto:gareth.moorhouse@cheshirecricketboard.co.uk)

ECB have also produced a video entitled 'The Wait' which has been narrated by cricket lover Stephen Fry. A link to the video can be found on the Together Through This Test [webpage](#). On Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup> ECB launched the #raiseyourbat campaign to highlight the incredible work of key workers during Covid-19. More details can be found [here](#).