

# Cheshire Clubs' Cricket Committee (CCCC) Development Plan (2024-2026)



The **Cheshire Clubs' Cricket Committee (CCCC)** is one of the constituent members of Cheshire Cricket Board, with a primary responsibility to oversee the development of adult recreational cricket within the County.

Membership of the CCCC is open to any recreational club playing within the County borders, subject to signing an '[Affiliation Agreement](#)' with Cheshire Cricket Board (and ECB) and payment of the annual affiliation fee.

Cheshire's affiliated clubs are entitled to a comprehensive package of support, with services delivered by members of the CCCC Executive and staff from Cheshire Cricket Board. A full list of these services can be found on the [CCB website](#).

The CCCC hold quarterly meetings at the County headquarters at Moss Farm (Northwich), to which all clubs and cricketing organisations in Cheshire are invited. This Development Plan outlines some of the key roles and responsibilities of the CCCC Executive, including any specific actions and tasks and key performance indicators, and is reviewed on an annual basis.

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## CCCC Mission Statement

- A. *“To ensure (on behalf of Cheshire Cricket Board), that every person of all levels of experience and ability, has the opportunity to participate in a fully inclusive and resourced system of open-age recreational cricket.”*
- B. *“To work alongside, advise, support and finance (where appropriate), the aims and objectives of the following organisations for the wider benefit of adult recreational cricket in Cheshire:”*

- + Cheshire Cricket Board (CCB)
- + Cheshire Youth Cricket (CYC)
- + Cheshire County Cricket Club (Cheshire CCC)
- + Cheshire Cricket Board Coaches Association (CCBCA)
- + Cheshire Association of Groundsmen (CAG)
- + Cheshire Association of Cricket Officials (CACO)
- + Cheshire Integrated League Structure; incorporating Cricket County Cricket League (CCCL) and Cheshire Cricket League (CCL)
- + Cheshire Women’s Cricket League (CWCL)
- + Cheshire Disabled Cricket Club (CDCC)



## Objective 1: Working towards a fully inclusive, organised and resourced system of adult recreational cricket

Action	Tasks	Who, when and Cost	Success Measure (KPIs)	Evidence
All clubs and teams in Cheshire can become affiliated to the ECB via the Cheshire Cricket Board	Assist Cheshire-based clubs and teams to become affiliated to CCB/ECB, either as Full or Associate Members	<b>CCB Clubs Manager</b>  <b>CCCC Secretary</b>  Ongoing (with a view to joining league structure the following season)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ All known Cheshire clubs / organisations contacted annually about affiliation</li> <li>➤ CCB website updated to reflect conditions of membership and benefits of affiliation</li> <li>➤ Provide support for aspiring organisations to 'start a club' including advice around constitutions, insurance and venue hire</li> </ul>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
			All clubs contacted prior to 2024 season; new 'Affiliation' page on CCB website with relevant info	
	Clubs and organisations to sign and return the 'Confirmation Form' (signaling adherence to ECB terms and conditions)	<b>CCB Clubs Manager</b>  <b>CCCC Secretary</b>  15 <sup>th</sup> April annually	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ All members to return the Club Confirmation Form no later than 15<sup>th</sup> April annually (or as required) – target minimum 98%</li> <li>➤ Confirmation Form updated to reflect latest ECB / CCB policies</li> </ul>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
			Affiliation Agreement updated in line with new ECB terms and conditions; 108/109 clubs returned form prior to start of season (99%)	
	Members to pay annual affiliation fees to Cheshire Cricket Board, either direct to CCCC or via their respective league	<b>CCCC Treasurer</b>  30 <sup>th</sup> June annually  <i>Fees between £25-£75</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ CCCL and CCL collect affiliation fees on behalf of their member clubs</li> <li>➤ All other clubs pay affiliation fees direct to CCCC by 30<sup>th</sup> June annually (or date as agreed)</li> </ul>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
			Leagues continue to collect fees for those in CILS, invoices sent to all other clubs ahead of 30/6/24	

<b>Affiliated clubs adopt and adhere to ECB policies to ensure a safe, welcoming and inclusive environment for all members and guests</b>	All Affiliated clubs have a qualified Club Safeguarding Officer and are enrolled on the ECB Safe Hands Management System (SHMS)	<b>County Safeguarding Officer</b> Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Club have at least one fully qualified CSO</li> <li>➤ Clubs to become /remain compliant on SHMS</li> </ul>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
			County Safeguarding Officer maintains a list of CSOs and their qualifications. All Clubmark clubs compliant on SHMS, other affiliated clubs working towards	
	Encourage all affiliated clubs to have a fully 'open membership'	<b>Clubs Manager</b> Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Support clubs to update constitutions as needed, in line with ECB Model Constitution</li> <li>➤ Clubs successfully accredit or reaccredit for ECB Clubmark Scheme</li> </ul>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
			All Clubmark Clubs have compliant constitutions. Cheshire has 90 Accredited clubs (Holmes Chapel new for 2024)	
	All Affiliated clubs have adopted key game wide policies including Safe Hands, the Anti-Discrimination Code and the General Conduct Regulations	<b>Clubs Manager</b> Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ All clubs sign Club Confirmation form</li> <li>➤ Policies referenced within club constitutions, copies visible on club websites</li> </ul>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
			108 clubs (out of 109) returned the Club Confirmation Form before 15 <sup>th</sup> April. Key policies adopted by member clubs, some websites need updating	
	Support the County Safeguarding Officer (CSO) and County Discipline Officers (CDOs) to oversee and facilitate any corrective actions	<b>County Safeguarding Officer</b> Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ CSO to inform CCCC Executive of any safeguarding concerns within senior recreational cricket, follow up as required</li> <li>➤ CCCC to monitor disciplinary trends and provide Appeals Panels (as required) for any disputes arising within the CILS</li> </ul>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
			County Safeguarding / Discipline Officer reports quarterly to CCCC. No Appeal Panels required for 2024 season to date.	

<p><b>Oversee the successful running of the Cheshire Integrated League System (CILS)</b></p>	<p>To encourage continued participation within open age league cricket at all levels, including access to the CILS for any prospective ‘new’ teams. <i>Engage with any struggling clubs to support ongoing development</i></p>	<p><b>CCCC Executive Leagues Clubs Manager</b></p> <p><i>Ongoing</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Track number of teams competing in CILS</li> <li>➤ Encourage new clubs/teams to enter the structure, including those playing friendly cricket or in cross-border leagues</li> <li>➤ Establish / maintain CCCC sub-committee to determine position of new teams within CILS</li> </ul>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
			<p>261 teams in CILS in 2024 (156 in CCCL, 105 in CCL); CCCC reps have met prospective new clubs</p>	
	<p>Ensure all affiliated Clubs have registered their teams and players and uploaded fixtures and results onto Play-Cricket</p>	<p><b>Leagues</b></p> <p>Weekly during season</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ All clubs have active Play-Cricket websites</li> <li>➤ 100% of clubs recording senior team results on PC within agreed timescales</li> <li>➤ All senior players registered on Play-Cricket</li> </ul>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
			<p>All affiliated clubs on Play Cricket, fines issued for late scorecards, reminders sent about registrations</p>	
	<p>Confirm the annual promotion and relegation between the two autonomous leagues – <i>Cheshire County Cricket League and Cheshire Cricket League</i></p>	<p><b>CCCC Executive Leagues</b></p> <p>End of September</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Communicate to clubs the make-up of each league / division in a timely fashion</li> <li>➤ Support the resolution of any disputes (about league placement) between leagues / clubs</li> </ul>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
			<p>League to be confirmed ahead of 2025 season, no dispute resolution required in 2023/24</p>	
	<p>Support Cheshire’s senior leagues to align rules and playing regulations to meet the needs of players</p>	<p><b>CCCC Executive Leagues</b></p> <p>Between seasons</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Leagues to survey players to capture feedback on formats and regulations.</li> <li>➤ CCCC representative to attend and influence league management meetings, sharing insight from CCB/ECB as appropriate</li> </ul>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
			<p>Playing formats survey issued post 2023 season (and some rules adapted)</p>	

Organise the annual Cheshire Clubs' Knockout Competitions	Agree the format and fixture dates of Cheshire's senior knockout competitions	CCCC Competition Secretary February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Format to be agreed at AGM (based on previous year's feedback)</li> <li>➤ Comp secretary to liaise with Cheshire CCC fixture secretary to avoid potential clashes</li> </ul>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
			Clubs surveyed annually; Comp secretary working alongside CCCC and Leagues to determine most appropriate fixture dates	
	Promote / market all competitions to all eligible clubs in Cheshire	CCCC Competition Secretary February - April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Maintain / increase the number of clubs competing on an annual basis</li> <li>➤ Attract sponsors for each competition.</li> </ul>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
			45 entries in Cheshire Cup/Shield vs 45 entries in 2023; No sponsors identified	
	Administer all competitions, including awareness for players and officials of any changes to regulations	CCCC Competition Secretary CACO April to September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Successful delivery of umpire refresher training to include KO competition rules</li> <li>➤ All rounds completed within agreed timeframes (subject to weather)</li> <li>➤ Satisfactory resolution of any in-season disputes including discipline matters</li> </ul>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
			170 bookings on 12 refresher courses; season completed with no outstanding discipline issues	
	Conduct a post season review of all competitions to ensure formats are appropriate for clubs	CCCC Competition Secretary October to January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Formal annual review to include club surveys on format and regulations</li> <li>➤ Number of responses to survey once distributed</li> </ul>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
			Review to be carried out post-season	

<p><b>Increase access to and improve quality of facilities that support open age Recreational Cricket</b></p>	<p>Establish and maintain a Facilities sub-committee to address any challenges and opportunities within senior recreational cricket including the availability of grass pitches</p>	<p><b>CCCC Executive</b> <b>Facilities Officers</b>  Ongoing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Establish a Facilities working group (reports quarterly into CCCC Executive)</li> <li>➤ Develop a 'grounds for hire' scheme to include club, community and school venues available to member organisations</li> <li>➤ Align objectives with outcomes identified in wider CCB Facility Strategy</li> </ul>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>   <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
			<p>Facilities sub-committee created in 2023, grounds for hire scheme now operational on CCB website</p>	
	<p>Appoint representative(s) of the CCCC Executive to the CCB Prioritisation Panel for the distribution of devolved ECB grant monies</p>	<p><b>CCCC Executive</b>  From 1<sup>st</sup> Feb annually</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ At least one member of CCCC Executive to be active on the CCB Prioritisation Panel</li> <li>➤ Panel to share details of number of clubs supported and amount of grants awarded</li> </ul>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
			<p>CCCC Chair and CCL Chair both members of Board's Funding Panel, Annual spending communicated at CCCC meetings in 2024 (£113K, 14 clubs)</p>	
	<p>Organise grant funding workshops and develop other resources to raise awareness of financial support available to clubs</p>	<p><b>CCCC Executive</b> <b>CCB Facilities Officer</b>  As required <i>Workshops £120 plus mileage</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Monitor attendance at formal face-to-face and online funding workshops (collect feedback)</li> <li>➤ CCB / CCCC websites updated with latest available funding streams</li> <li>➤ Clubs signposted to CCB Facilities Offer to discuss ongoing facility needs in line with their Development Plans</li> </ul>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
			<p>3 grant funding workshops delivered in 2024 (with good feedback) - 50 people from 40 clubs attended, CCB website updated with latest grant opportunities from ECB and other partners</p>	

## Objective 2: Support partner organisations for the wider benefit of adult recreational cricket in Cheshire

Action	Tasks	Who, when and Cost	Success Measure (KPIs)	Evidence
Make a positive contribution to the development of grounds and grounds' volunteers in Cheshire	Promote the work of the Cheshire Grounds' Steering Group, inclusive of the League Grounds Representatives, Cheshire Association of Groundsmen (CAG), the County Pitch Advisors and Grounds Coordinator from CCB	CCCC Secretary  Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Increased number of enquiries to the Pitch Advisory Service</li> <li>➤ More clubs / volunteers joining the Cheshire grounds' WhatsApp group</li> </ul>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Subject to available funding, subsidise (up to 100%) the cost of a Pitch Power (Performance Quality Standard) assessment for affiliated clubs and the online GMA Level 1 course for volunteers	CCCC Executive CCCC Treasurer Ongoing  <i>Reports cost £150 plus mileage (ECB will fund some visits);</i>  GMA L1 online is £71	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Offer a Pitch Power visit to all affiliated clubs within three years (2024-2026) - <i>Clubs encouraged to act on the recommendations of and to prioritise grounds' development</i></li> <li>➤ Raise awareness of the Grass Pitch Improvement Fund (GPIF) for those clubs who may be eligible</li> <li>➤ Monitor the number of volunteers successfully completing GMA Level 1 course</li> </ul>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
			Steering Group note higher level of engagement in 2024 workshops; 80 people now enrolled on Cheshire Grounds WhatsApp group.	
			36 Pitch Power visits delivered in 2024 (20 funded by ECB / CAG); GPIF scheme promoted directly to clubs and on CCB website (grant applications ongoing); no central data held by GMA on number of Cheshire-based completions	



Support the development of Women and Girls Cricket throughout Cheshire	Encourage all affiliated clubs to establish and maintain a female playing offer in line with the game-wide ambition to make cricket the 'most inclusive' sport	<b>CCCC Executive</b> <b>CCB Women and Girls Manager</b> End of September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ CCB/ECB initiatives to grow the Women and Girls game shared across all CCCC / League communication platforms</li> <li>➤ Number of clubs with a Women's and/or girls section (minimum of one active female team on play cricket)</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
			75 women's teams / 64 girls teams at Cheshire clubs in 2024 (compared to 60 and 54 respectively in 2023).	
	Promote the activities and development aims of the Cheshire Women's Cricket League and provide administrative support where requested	<b>CCCC Executive</b> <b>CWCL</b> Weekly during season	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ CWCL representative remains active on CCCC committee – attends all meetings</li> <li>➤ Monitor number of clubs entering CWCL competitions (sustain or grow)</li> </ul>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
			CWCL chair reports to CCCC at quarterly meetings; 70 teams competing in CWCL (compared to 63 in 2023)	
Support the development of disability Cricket throughout Cheshire	Promote the ECB Disability Champion Club scheme in line with the game-wide ambition to make cricket the 'most inclusive' sport	<b>CCCC Executive</b> <b>Leagues</b> <b>CCB Disability Manager</b> Review annually	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Share details of Champion Club scheme on CCCC / League websites and social media</li> <li>➤ Number of active ECB Disability Champion Clubs increases annually</li> <li>➤ Disability Manager to report or attend 4Cs</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
			Champion Club details advertised widely by CCB but need to be replicated by leagues 8 champion clubs in 2024 (compared to 6 in 2023)	
	Subject to available funding, support the activities of Cheshire's representative disability teams including the D40 (hardball), Super 9 (softball) and visually impaired teams	<b>CCCC Treasurer</b> Ongoing <i>Funding on request</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ All members of County teams have access to playing equipment and branded clothing</li> <li>➤ Numbers of players involved in the disability county set up increases annually</li> </ul>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
			County teams had new kit provided for 2024 season; 38 players competed for Cheshire disability teams (compared to 32 in 2023)	

