

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). 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	CCB Clubs Manager CCCC Secretary Ongoing (with a view to joining league structure the following season)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ All known Cheshire clubs / organisations contacted annually about affiliation ➤ CCB website updated to reflect conditions of membership and benefits of affiliation ➤ Provide support for aspiring organisations to 'start a club' including advice around constitutions, insurance and venue hire 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Clubs and organisations to sign and return the 'Confirmation Form' (signaling adherence to ECB terms and conditions)	CCB Clubs Manager CCCC Secretary 15 th April annually	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ All members to return the Club Confirmation Form no later than 15th April annually (or as required) – target minimum 98% ➤ Confirmation Form updated to reflect latest ECB / CCB policies 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Members to pay annual affiliation fees to Cheshire Cricket Board, either direct to CCCC or via their respective league	CCCC Treasurer 30 th June annually Fees between £25-£75	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ CCCL and CCL collect affiliation fees on behalf of their member clubs ➤ All other clubs pay affiliation fees direct to CCCC by 30th June annually (or date as agreed) 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

<p>Affiliated clubs adopt and adhere to ECB policies to ensure a safe, welcoming and inclusive environment for all members and guests</p>	<p>All Affiliated clubs have a qualified Club Safeguarding Officer and are enrolled on the ECB Safe Hands Management System (SHMS)</p>	<p>County Safeguarding Officer Ongoing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Club have at least one fully qualified CSO ➤ Clubs to enrol on and become compliant on SHMS 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
			<p>191 qualified CSOs in Cheshire (98 males, 93 females) – average 1.77 per club. All clubs continue to work towards compliance on SHMS – some minor issues with DBS update service in 2025</p>	
	<p>Encourage all affiliated clubs to have a fully 'open membership'</p>	<p>Clubs Manager Ongoing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Support clubs to update constitutions as needed, in line with ECB Model Constitution ➤ Clubs successfully accredit or reaccredit for ECB Clubmark Scheme 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
			<p>Cheshire has 91 Accredited clubs (Westminster Park CC new for 2025) all with compliant constitutions. CCB to review non-Clubmark clubs in 2026</p>	
	<p>All Affiliated clubs have adopted key game wide policies including Safe Hands, the Anti-Discrimination Code and the General Conduct Regulations</p>	<p>Clubs Manager Ongoing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ All clubs sign Club Confirmation form ➤ Policies referenced within club constitutions, copies visible on club websites 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
			<p>108 clubs signed Confirmation Form and have self-assessed compliance around game-wide policies.</p>	
	<p>Support the County Safeguarding Officer (CSO) and County Discipline Officers (CDOs) to oversee and facilitate any corrective actions</p>	<p>County Safeguarding Officer Ongoing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ CSO to inform CCCC Executive of any safeguarding concerns within senior recreational cricket, follow up as required ➤ CCCC to monitor disciplinary trends and provide Appeals Panels (as required) for any disputes arising within the CILS 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
			<p>County Safeguarding Officer continues to report quarterly to CCCC. No Appeal Panels required for 2025 season.</p>	

<p style="text-align: center;">Oversee the successful running of the Cheshire Integrated League System (CILS)</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>CCCC Executive Leagues Clubs Manager Ongoing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Track number of teams competing in CILS ➤ Encourage new clubs/teams to enter the structure, including those playing friendly cricket or in cross-border leagues ➤ Establish / maintain CCCC sub-committee to determine position of new teams within CILS 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
			<p>261 teams in CILS in 2025 (153 in CCCL, 108 in CCL); Above excludes T20 teams or Over 40s. Additional friendly activity via Get the Game On group run by CCB</p>	
	<p>Ensure all affiliated Clubs have registered their teams and players and uploaded fixtures and results onto Play-Cricket</p>	<p>Leagues Weekly during season</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ All clubs have active Play-Cricket websites ➤ 100% of clubs recording senior team results on PC within agreed timescales ➤ All senior players registered on Play-Cricket 	<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>CCCC Executive Leagues End of September</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Communicate to clubs the make-up of each league / division in a timely fashion ➤ Support the resolution of any disputes (about league placement) between leagues / clubs 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
			<p>CCCL fixtures published; CCL fixtures after League AGM, no dispute resolution required in 2024/2025</p>	
	<p>Support Cheshire's senior leagues to align rules and playing regulations to meet the needs of players</p>	<p>CCCC Executive Leagues Between seasons</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Leagues to survey players to capture feedback on formats and regulations. ➤ CCCC representative to attend and influence league management meetings, sharing insight from CCB/ECB as appropriate 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

			CCL briefing note (about divisional restructure) sent to all clubs prior to 2025 AGM. Brian Boys attends both leagues to discuss alignment of regs
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"> ➤ Format to be agreed at AGM (based on previous year's feedback) ➤ Comp secretary to liaise with Cheshire CCC fixture secretary to avoid potential clashes <p>Clubs surveyed annually; Decision taken to cancel the Shield from 2025 due to lack of entries</p>
	Promote / market all competitions to all eligible clubs in Cheshire	CCCC Competition Secretary February - April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Maintain / increase the number of clubs competing on an annual basis ➤ Attract sponsors for each competition. <p>42 entries in Cheshire Cup, Cheshire Shield discontinued in 2025. 45 entries across both comps in 2024</p>
	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"> ➤ Successful delivery of umpire refresher training to include KO competition rules ➤ All rounds completed within agreed timeframes (subject to weather) ➤ Satisfactory resolution of any in-season disputes including discipline matters <p>8 Officials courses delivered with 109 registrations; season completed with no outstanding discipline issues</p>
		CCCC Competition Secretary October to January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Formal annual review to include club surveys on format and regulations ➤ Number of responses to survey once distributed

	Conduct a post season review of all competitions to ensure formats are appropriate for clubs		Review to be carried out post-season. Concluded to cease running Cheshire Shield from 2025 onwards
Increase access to and improve quality of facilities that support open age Recreational Cricket	Establish and maintain a Facilities sub-committee to address any challenges and opportunities within senior recreational cricket including the availability of grass pitches	CCCC Executive Facilities Officers Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Establish a Facilities working group (reports quarterly into CCCC Executive) ➤ Develop a 'grounds for hire' scheme to include club, community and school venues available to member organisations ➤ Align objectives with outcomes identified in wider CCB Facility Strategy <p>CCB Facility Strategy launched in 2023. Grounds for Hire scheme operational on CCB website, needs updating for 2026 season.</p>
	Appoint representative(s) of the CCCC Executive to the CCB Prioritisation Panel for the distribution of devolved ECB grant monies	CCCC Executive From 1 st Feb annually	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ At least one member of CCCC Executive to be active on the CCB Prioritisation Panel ➤ Panel to share details of number of clubs supported and amount of grants awarded <p>CCCC Chair and CCL Chair both members of Board's Funding Panel. 2025 spend = £159,068 allocated to 21 affiliated clubs (initial ECB allocation was £113,000 before we received an 'uplift')</p>
	Organise grant funding workshops and develop other resources to raise awareness of financial support available to clubs	CCCC Executive CCB Facilities Officer As required Workshops £120 plus mileage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Monitor attendance at formal face-to-face and online funding workshops (collect feedback) ➤ CCB / CCCC websites updated with latest available funding streams ➤ Clubs signposted to CCB Facilities Offer to discuss ongoing facility needs in line with their Development Plans

			Last workshops delivered in 2024. Look to run again in 2026. CCB website updated with latest grant opportunities from ECB and other partners	
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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"> ➤ Increased number of enquiries to the Pitch Advisory Service ➤ More clubs / volunteers joining the Cheshire grounds' WhatsApp group 	<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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 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> ➤ Raise awareness of the Grass Pitch Improvement Fund (GPIF) for those clubs who may be eligible ➤ Monitor the number of volunteers successfully completing GMA Level 1 course 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

		GMA L1 online is £71	25 Pitch Power visits delivered in 2025 (jointly funded by ECB / CAG / CCCC); GPIF scheme promoted directly to clubs and on CCB website; no central data held by GMA on number of Cheshire-based completions
Grow and develop the number of active officials to support Senior Recreational Cricket in Cheshire	Promote the work of the Cheshire Association of Cricket Officials and make a positive contribution to the aims within the CACO Development Plan	<p>CCCC Executive</p> <p>Leagues</p> <p>CACO</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ CACO representative remains active on CCCC committee (attends all meetings) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ➤ CACO contribute to (senior) League meetings where appropriate, including recruitment of new officials and rules updates for existing ones <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <p>CACO Chair sits on CCCC Executive; CACO chair has submitted a discussion paper for 2026 season around umpire and scorer recruitment. New ECB scoring Pathway to be launched winter 2025</p>
	Subject to available funding, subsidise the cost of the ECB Umpire Course for members of affiliated clubs – <i>NB, any payment to be made on completion of course and after a minimum of 5 games umpired/scored in Cheshire cricket</i>	<p>CCCC Treasurer</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>£35 rebate for all candidates (50% of course fees)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Numbers attending ECB Umpiring courses, including those from 'target groups (females, ethnically diverse) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ➤ Number of candidates applying for the 'rebate' (min of 5 fixtures) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ➤ Number of newly-qualified officials joining the senior league panels <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <p>5 courses delivered at Birkenhead Park, Lindow, the Grange, Woodley and Oulton Park. 85 registrations (9 female, 24 diverse); 4 umpires applied for a rebate; There were 9 new members of CILS panels in 2025.</p>
	Encourage volunteers throughout Cheshire to become members of the ACO and take advantage of formal and informal development opportunities	<p>CCCC Executive</p> <p>Leagues</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ CCCC / League websites and social media pages hold info about umpiring and scoring opportunities in Cheshire <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ➤ Membership of ACO increases annually <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

		CACO Ongoing <i>Funding on request</i>	Course information disseminated by leagues; CACO Membership stands at 201 with 242 'roles'
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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	CCCC Executive CCB Women and Girls Manager End of September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ CCB/ECB initiatives to grow the Women and Girls game shared across all CCCC / League communication platforms ➤ Number of clubs with a Women's and/or girls section (minimum of one active female team on play cricket) <p>115 women's teams and 73 girls teams at Cheshire clubs in 2024 (compared to 78 and 67 in 2024).</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Promote the activities and development aims of the Cheshire Women's Cricket League and provide administrative support where requested	CCCC Executive CWCL Weekly during season	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ CWCL representative remains active on CCCC committee – attends all meetings ➤ Monitor number of clubs entering CWCL competitions (sustain or grow) <p>CWCL chair reports to CCCC at quarterly meetings; 91 teams competing in CWCL (compared to 67 in 2024)</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Support the development of disability Cricket	Promote the ECB Disability Champion Club scheme in line with the game-wide ambition to make cricket the 'most inclusive' sport	CCCC Executive Leagues CCB Disability Manager Review annually	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Share details of Champion Club scheme on CCCC / League websites and social media ➤ Number of active ECB Disability Champion Clubs increases annually ➤ Disability Manager to report or attend 4Cs <p>Champion Club details advertised widely by CCB but need to be replicated by leagues. 6 Champion Clubs on ECB system, with 4 to add to in 2026</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

throughout Cheshire	Subject to available funding, support the activities of Cheshire's representative disability teams including the D40 (hardball), Super 9 (softball) and visually impaired teams	CCCC Treasurer Ongoing <i>Funding on request</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ All members of County teams have access to playing equipment and branded clothing ➤ Numbers of players involved in the disability county set up increases annually 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
			County teams had new kit provided for 2024 season; 52 pan-disability players competed in 2025 (54 in 2024)	