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## Catch up of the latest developments in Women & Girls Cricket in Berkshire...

### Girls Emerging Player Programme

At the end of October 2021, Berkshire launched their exciting new Emerging Players Programme (EPP) and Academy Programme for Women & Girls in the county. Both will be fully funded by the Berkshire Cricket Foundation for the first time, removing any financial barriers for our highest potential players to receive the level of support needed to progress through the cricketing performance pathway, and now matches the equivalent programmes on the boys pathway which are fully funded by the ECB.

Players have been selected onto both the EPP (U12-15) and Academy programme (U16+) through their performances throughout 2021 and a review process by the Berkshire Women and Girls pathway coaches to assess potential for the future.

Players selected onto the programme receive regular 1:1 technical coaching, group training sessions and strength and conditioning programming along with additional personal development support looking at elements such as well being, injury prevention, nutrition and preparation. All the key components to help players work towards a career in professional cricket.



The introduction of these new programmes comes at a time of significant growth in the women's game with the recent announcements of additional new professional contracts taking the total number of domestic contracted players playing within the women's regional structure to 51. This combined with the success of the Inaugural Hundred competition last summer where English domestic players could showcase their skills alongside some of the worlds best in front of sell-out crowds week in week out, means that opportunities have never been greater for girls starting their journey in the performance pathway.

Beth Morgan, Berkshire's Female Pathway Manager, said "I've been so impressed with the level of commitment and desire to improve from the players selected onto the EPP and Academy programmes. Its so exciting that we can provide more contact time and quality coaching to these talented individuals as well as supporting them with all aspects of their well being in order to help them progress to the next level of the pathway."

The Berkshire Women and Girls EPP is a year-round programme offering support through both winter training and summer matchplay schedules.

[Find the squads for the EPP, Academy and Girls Winter Performance Squads here](#)

### 2021 Wrap Up - Girls Performance

Whilst we all needed to navigate our way through the challenges that the Covid pandemic brought in 2021, we look back on the many positives for the Berkshire Women and Girls Performance programmes. After a greatly reduced winter programme, our coaches and players alike embraced the 2021 season with a great deal of enthusiasm and passion for the game of cricket and a desire to improve skills through the matchplay schedule. Following an extremely valuable programme of intra-county matches through the Easter period, all our selected squads embarked on an extensive fixture list in the 2021 summer. We saw some fantastic performances on the pitch, but most importantly huge progress made in skills and match awareness as squads and individuals.

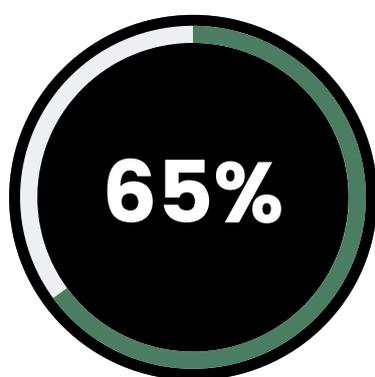
2021 also saw more nominations from schools and clubs than ever before for our Autumn development programme. Over 150 nominated players registered for our Pre-Christmas coaching or trial sessions from Under 11 through to Under 17 age groups. The first winter selection phase saw 15 players selected into an Under 13 Berkshire winter development squad, 7 players added to the Berkshire Winter bridging squad and many players put forward for both BCF U11 and U13/15 hub programmes, and the MCC Foundation Hub programme, which are now both officially part of the Berkshire Women & Girls pathway.



# Women & Girls Cricket in Berkshire - by Numbers



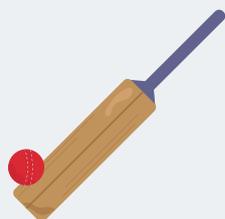
**86 Teams from 28 Clubs** have entered Girls Teams into Berkshire Youth Comps for 2022. This was an increase of 27 teams and 8 clubs from 2021.



**65%** of clubs in Berkshire with a Junior Section provide a Girls only offer.

## The Girls Teams are:

- Binfield
- Boyne Hill
- Bradfield
- Cookham Dean
- Crowthorne & CW
- Emmbrook & Bearwood
- Falkand
- Finchampstead
- Henley
- Holyport
- Hungerford
- Hurst
- Kidmore End
- Littlewick Green
- Maidenhead & Bray
- Peppard Stoke Row
- Purley on Thames
- Reading
- Royal Ascot
- Shinfield
- Slough
- Sonning
- Thatcham Town
- Warfield
- Wargrave
- West Ilsley
- White Waltham
- Wraysbury



## **In 2021, 462 Girls participated in All Stars Cricket or Dynamos Cricket**

442 Centres hosted National Programmes in 2021 meaning there was an average of 11 girls per centre.

A total of 1885 participants signed up for National Programmes in 2021 meaning 25% of participants

**185**

**GIRLS IN  
BERKSHIRE'S  
PERFORMANCE  
PATHWAY**

**2**

**GIRLS IN  
VIPERS  
ACADEMY**

**1**

**BERKSHIRE  
PLAYER IN  
ASHES TOURING  
PARTY**

### U11 Girls Hub Update

Our Pre Christmas U11 Hub programme was a huge success with over 60 Girls from a range of Schools and Clubs being involved. The nominations were open to Girls who are U9 to U11 and show a flair for the game and are either already playing some form of hardball cricket or who aspire to progress to hard ball cricket.

We look forward to Mid-January where we will see the start of the next phase of the programme with the girls selected (40). We have a 10-week indoor programme planned, with several match play opportunities over the summer. At the conclusion of the Indoor Programme, the coaches will be selecting the U11 County Squad for the 2022 season.

It has been a pleasure to work with these Girls during this programme, the standard of cricket, their commitment and dedication has really impressed us as coaches, and we look forward to continuing the programme, whilst also following their progress with their Schools and Clubs in the Summer.

### U13/15 Girls Hubs

**MCC Foundation Hubs, Slough & Reading**  
Fully funded by the MCC Foundation, this provides an opportunity for state-school educated players to be coached by BCF and county coaches in a 10 week winter programme followed by a national hub matchplay competition in the summer.

**BCF U13/U15 Hubs** - For players not eligible for the MCC Foundation hubs, a player-funded programme of 10 weeks of winter coaching by BCF and county coaches leading to some friendly matchplay opportunities in the summer of 2022.



### Berkshire Women's Programme

The Berkshire women's squad from 2021 have been invited to regular group training and specialist technical sessions throughout the winter. They have also trained alongside our new Academy in order for both groups to benefit from a higher standard of training.

In 2022, Berkshire's women look forward to playing in the ECB's Vitality Women's County T20 Competition, as well as the new South-Central Cup hosted by the Southern Vipers. This will see the 6 counties that make up the Vipers region compete against each other in a 50 over competitive league. At the conclusion of the 15 match competition a 24-player "Best versus Best" 2 Game series will be played out to both celebrate success and identification whilst aiding winter "2022-2023" Vipers Senior, Vipers Academy & South Central EPP squad observation and selections. This will provide an exciting opportunity for the county's senior and high potential players to compete with the region's best and put themselves in the frame for a place within the professional domestic structure.

### Vipers Academy Selections

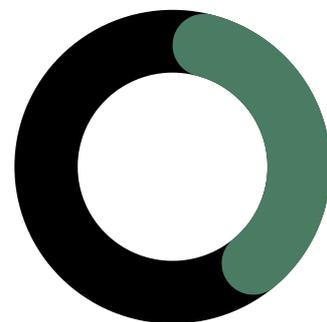
Huge congratulations to Berkshire Academy players, Holly Rider and Ava Lee, who have recently been selected into the Southern Vipers Academy. This is testament to the hard work and commitment both players have shown in their cricket within the Berkshire programme for many years. Holly and Ava (both from Falkland Cricket Club) will remain as part of the Berkshire Academy and U18 performance squads whilst training & playing with the Vipers Academy. We wish both players all the best for the exciting year ahead!

### Girls Junior Pathway Manager Appointed

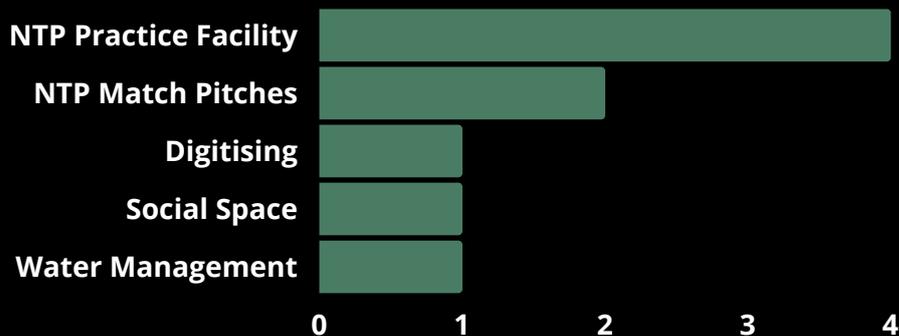
Paul Bew has joined the team to become our 3rd full-time member of staff supporting Women & Girls Cricket in Berkshire. Paul has a wealth of experience having previously worked on both the boys and girls pathway. He is currently working towards the ECB's Level 4 Coaching Qualification.



**£64,184** committed to **9** Berkshire based clubs in **Window 1**. Grants amounts ranged from **£2000** to **£10,000**.



## What projects were supported?



## Tackling Climate Change



### Roadblocks

- Planning permission required?
- 3 quotes for projects over £25k?
- ECB approved supplier?
- Offer All Stars, Dynamos, Women & Girls or Disability Cricket?



### Good Practice

- Speak to Club Support Manager in first instance
- Apply for planning at least 12 weeks in advance
- Consider partnership funding options
- Upload evidence onto system ASAP

## Who makes the decisions?

A BCF appointed panel meets to review applications.

Panel Composition:

- Tom Jackson - BCF Club Support Manager
- Nigel Brewster - BCF Board Member (Clubs Champion)
- Neil Higginson - ECB Facilities Planning Manager

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Up to 2 additional panel members that will alternate depending on the applications & clubs involved

Berkshire Cricket Officials Association - Courses

Stage 1 - Online

Gives you an overview of the basic Laws of the Game and how to apply them.

[Click Here to Sign Up](#)

Stage 2 - Face to Face

6th March @ Hurst CC

Gives you further knowledge and skills to enable you to become an effective recreational umpire and potential league panel umpire.

[Click Here to Sign Up](#)

Coach Development

The new ECB Core Coach Course is now live and you can find out more and sign up for the two courses we are running in Berkshire in early 2022. This programme has been designed to give learners the knowledge, skills and confidence to lead player-centred coaching sessions.

Newbury College - March 20th & 27th and April 13th & 30th - 9:30-4pm

[Click here to sign up](#)

Find out more about Coach Development

Young Leader in Cricket

The Young Leaders in Cricket is returning to Berkshire for 2022. Designed to give young people between the ages of 14 and 16 the opportunity to acquire new skills and develop leadership skills. Training is made up of 5 modules: Coaching, Umpiring and Scoring, Grounds Keeping, First Aid and Fundraising.

[Find out more](#)



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City Cup 2022

The programme has been tweaked this year and will now contain a winter training element (as well as summer match play), and tie in directly with our Hub programme for younger age groups. This programme will now be open to U16 and U17 cricketers who attend a state school and are not part of a full County Age Group squad.

[Click here to find out more](#)

Women & Girls ECB Competitions 2022

The ECB are taking entries for 5 cup competitions in 2022. The Vitality National Women's Club T20 Cup & Plate Competition. The competition starts regionally and clubs are encouraged to join together where necessary. The ECB have launched a new competition in the form of the ECB Girls U19 T20 Cup, bridging the gap from Girls Cricket to Women's Cricket. Finally, the Girls U13 & U15 Club T20 Cup is back for 2022. To sign up, please contact [competitions@ecb.co.uk](mailto:competitions@ecb.co.uk)

New Men's County Captain Announced

Dan Lincoln has been announced as the Berkshire CCC's new Men's Captain for the 2022 season.

[Click here to read the full article](#)

