



# Annual Report 2022

## YORKSHIRE CRICKET BOARD



I have no doubt that 2022 presented the most challenging and demanding period in the history of the Yorkshire Cricket Board.

COVID-19, high-profile EDI challenges and the cost-of-living crisis have been a huge test, and as an integral part of the Yorkshire Cricket family the YCB has certainly not been immune from the impact and after-effects of the well-documented events affecting the Club.

We felt this pressure most acutely through our workforce – in seeking to service the needs of the largest recreational cricket structure in the country (by a significant margin) we require many feet on the ground, but by mid-2022 our staffing levels had been cut in half for a variety of reasons, the vast majority of which were beyond our control and ranging from the exceptional to the unavoidable.

Our aim since then has been to rebuild our resources and we have gone quite some way to doing so, and I must take this opportunity to express my absolute and sincere gratitude to our staff who coped magnificently with the hugely increased demands of our diminished circumstances. I must also mention our Board of Directors, they too reduced in numbers by exceptional circumstance – unremunerated volunteers all but providing many many hours of input to sustain the YCB through its most demanding times.



Thanks, must also be given in respect of the voluntary work of all Board officials and Sub-Committee Secretaries who put in so many unpaid hours for the benefit of the YCB together with all the League Council Secretaries and Chairs. We are also absolutely indebted to Ray Knowles, our County Safeguarding Officer and to his Safeguarding team who work tirelessly as volunteers.

It would, of course, be remiss of me not to mention our former MD, Andrew Watson, who retired at the end of March 2022 after giving 26 years of his working life to the YCB and Yorkshire Cricket. I am delighted we were able to give him a fitting send-off at our Christmas event that reflected the affection in which he was held.

Because of operational constraints outside of our control we were unable to fill Andrew's position until December, but we are delighted that Paul Cummins joined us as Director of Recreational Cricket and I hope you will join me in wishing him every success in the demanding role of taking recreational cricket forwards. I should also add that there have been a number of new recruits in recent times and all indications are that they have brought new outstanding qualities and talent to our team.

Against this rapidly changing and evolving backdrop we still managed to deliver high quality cricket programmes during 2022 and gave everyone the season of hope which was so desperately needed after the 'pandemic years. Our collaborative work with YCCC and YCF has been significant, perhaps the most demonstrable element being the facilitating of the move of boy's pathways cricket to the Club at the beginning of the year.

Given the ultimate aim of the pathways system is to provide a production line of new talent for the Club, the Board have long been of the opinion that it would be best placed with them and therefore not subject to the YCB's financial constraints – we moved quickly to support the Club when the call came and subsequently quite a number of our staff moved across to YCCC to support them. And we are also pleased to say that girls CAG now also sits with the Club as it should rightfully do.

On a wider front our team worked tirelessly to ensure all National Programmes such as Chance to Shine, All Stars, Dynamos, The Hundred engagement, Disabilities,



BAME and W&G's Development were delivered despite the significant constraints faced, and we continued to provide the crucial safeguarding support throughout.

Of course, the ravages of the pandemic severely stretched and challenged the thousands of volunteers in the recreational game and my thanks and best wishes go to all those in our incredible club and league network who, through their phenomenal efforts, have once again provided everyone in recreational cricket with fantastic opportunities to play our great game.

As primarily a league and club man myself I know only too well just how much our league and club base do because of their love of the game of cricket and their communities. I think the pride and passion so evident in our cricket communities highlights one thing in particular - we all want Yorkshire to succeed. We want to see Yorkshire Cricket back where it belongs, and better than ever.

With that in mind many will be aware that the YCB were involved to some degree in the governance review sought by the ECB. Following the review undertaken by the Good Governance Institute, a Steering Group was formed to discuss how best Yorkshire Cricket should operate moving forwards. There are many exciting opportunities that we wish to explore as we seek to grow our offer across the county which will take our community and cricket development work to the next level. I stress the words 'grow our offer' – in particular this presents an exciting opportunity to enhance our offers to the recreational game.

At the moment talks are ongoing to consolidate the YCB and YCF. Terms for this proposal are agreed in principle and both sides are committed to moving this consolidation forwards. I want to emphasise the word consolidation – if and when it eventually goes ahead (it remains subject to due diligence) this will most certainly not be a dilution of our recreational cricket offer. Quite the opposite in fact – we see this as a real opportunity to increase our support for the recreational game which is already considerably greater than any other County Board. Further details will be provided to the AGM where our members will be given an opportunity to put forward any views or concerns of their own.

I think I want to end this report by recognizing that the events of the last 18 months will no doubt have touched all of us involved in cricket to some degree, and of course within Yorkshire Cricket itself the landscape has changed considerably.



There have been many lessons to be learned, and the acid test will be how well we've learned those lessons.

We will need to be resolute in our determination to repair this damage, learn from our mistakes, take whatever further action is needed and build cricket into the powerful force for good we all know it can be. We will inevitably be judged on our actions, not our words - we need to help cricket win back trust in every community in our county.

Chris West Chair, YCB March 2023



**A message from our new Director of Recreational Cricket Paul Cummins.**



**I started in mid-December 2022 and am thoroughly enjoying the challenge of the new role. Thank you to everyone for making me feel so welcome, offering me their support, their thoughts and opinions and for supporting the YCB across 2022.**

**It's clear it's been a tough period for all involved within Yorkshire Cricket, including the YCB. It is clear the passion, commitment and expertise of both the YCB Board and YCB Team have been essential in delivering our objectives within 2022 in difficult circumstances. A big thank you to everyone for going above and beyond to put the YCB in a good position.**

**Undoubtably volunteers play the most important role within recreational cricket, whether that be in leagues, clubs, coaching, officiating, scoring etc. I would personally like to say a big thank you to all volunteers across the recreational game, cricket in Yorkshire is what it is today because of you. We look forward to working with you throughout 2023 and having a great year of cricket.**





# Girls CAG Season Report 2022

## U11s – Squad size of 35 (ECB guidelines) selected

Early season training sessions included intra-squad match play. Through the summer there were county fixtures with Lancashire, Durham, Northumberland, Nottinghamshire, Cheshire and Derbyshire with the emphasis on development. The girls spent 2 days at Rugby School with access to the excellent facilities there. There was also the Scarborough College Festival (3 days, 2 nights) again where they competed against Lancs, Durham and Derbyshire. Over the season the girls played different format games to maximise opportunities.



u13s – 44 players involved through the summer. The girls were split into 4 teams to compete at intra-squad days. Formats used were T20, Hundred, 30 over with also two x 2 innings matches that produced exciting close finishes.

County fixtures were played home and away with Lancashire, Durham, Northumberland, Nottinghamshire, Cheshire and Lincolnshire. All 44 girls played a part in these matches, giving valuable development opportunities along with winning the majority of games.



The girls took part in the Scarborough College Festival which turned into a multi-format Roses battle with Lancashire, both counties involving 2 squads each. Yorkshire managing to win the trophy! The season concluded with an intra-squad tournament at Woodhouse Grove school which proved to be a fitting celebration for this age group. Many thanks to Krimpterm for their support on this day.



#### U15s – 28 players in the summer squad

Games have been played home and away with Nottinghamshire, Cheshire, Lancashire, Durham, Derbyshire, Cumbria, Northumberland and Warwickshire. A mixture of T20s and 40 overs. No county championship to play for so plenty of opportunities were allowed throughout the summer. For the first time in a few years this age group attended the Malvern festival. Two squads of 13 girls were involved with games against Kent and Ireland.

As in previous years several of the players were selected for the Northern Diamonds Regional Junior Super 4s events at both St Peters School and Ampleforth College.



### U18's - 18 in the summer squad within a combination of 2 squads (T20 and 40 over)

Games have been played against Lancashire, North-East Warriors, Cheshire, Derbyshire, Lincolnshire, Warwickshire, Cumbria and Nottinghamshire. The T20 team finished 2nd (out of 9) in Group 1 of that county tournament, performing really well as one of the younger teams in the competition.

Several of the players were selected for the Northern Diamonds Senior Super 4s event at St Peters & Ampleforth during August.

The new Northern Diamonds Emerging Player Programme (EPP) was officially launched at the end of the season with 14 of the girls selected being from Yorkshire (the remaining from Durham and Northumberland).

### 2023 Winter

The winter programme started in the middle of January across the 4 age groups after we held observation sessions. An unprecedented number of over 300 girls attended the observations at Headingley, a reflection on how the female game is growing in recreational cricket.





## YORKSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUES' CHAMPIONSHIP 2022



It proved to be the third time lucky for Bradford Premier League champions Woodlands as they won the Yorkshire Premier League Play-Off final at Headingley to crown a great season for the club.

They put the anguish of narrow defeats against Sheriff Hutton Bridge in 2019 and Castleford in 2021 with an emphatic nine-wicket win over Appleby Frodingham. Fittingly, it was their inspiration captain Brad Schmulian who powered them to victory with an unbeaten century as the Yorkshire Cricket Southern Premier League champions' total of 150-9 was passed with 20.3 overs to spare.

New Zealander Schmulian became the first batsman to score a century in a play-off final at Headingley. The two previous centuries came at the inaugural final in Abu Dhabi in

2016 when David Toft (Wakefield Thornes) made 137 and Mark Robertshaw (Pudsey St Lawrence) 112.

Schmulian, who topped 1,000 league runs in his first season as captain, finished 100 not out and was unsurprisingly named Player of the Match after also taking 3-41 with his leg spin as he and fellow spinner Chris Brice (3-33) choked the Appleby Frodingham scoring after they opted to bat first.



Woodlands, who made a storming finish to the league season to secure their ninth title in 17 years as long-time leaders New Farnley faltered and suffered three successive defeats with the finish line in sight. Woodlands finished 19 points clear. In the play-off semi-finals, Woodlands saw off the Yorkshire Premier League North title winners Driffield by 115 runs.



After avoiding relegation on the final day of the 2021 season, Driffield impressed as they finished 12 points ahead of York, but their first appearance in the play-offs finished in disappointment.

Woodlands' success owed much to an opening stand of 170 between Sam Frankland (101) and Tim Jackson (76). They enabled their side to post a total of 284-7. Alex Drury (46) top scored for Driffield as they were dismissed for 169 as spin bowlers Schmulian (3-38) and Brice (3-50) posed the main threat.

Appleby Frodingham capitalised on helpful bowling conditions as they made the play-off debut of North Yorkshire South Durham champions Middlesbrough a disappointing occasion. Put into bat after rain delayed the start, Middlesbrough were bowled out for just 71, Matthew Harris (4-18) and Jordan Neil (4-29) did most of the damage. Appleby Frodingham lost three wickets knocking off the runs. Appleby Frodingham went into the playoffs after winning the Yorkshire.





Cricket Southern Premier for the second successive year, finishing 18 points clear of Tickhill. Middlesbrough's North Yorkshire South Durham League title win was dramatic. They went into the final day of the season trailing Richmondshire by one point, their hopes looked to have gone down the drain when their match with Barnard Castle was abandoned with their opponents 43-3 in reply to Boro's 190 all out.



The 11 points they gained ultimately proved decisive as Richmondshire, chasing a DLS target of 147 against Darlington, were bowled out for 118 to lose by 29 runs. Richmondshire only secured seven points and Middlesbrough were champions by just three points.



# Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

## Four priority under-represented groups

Our EDI Plan identified 4 priority under-represented groups for whom change will be championed, and progress closely tracked - based on then available evidence (2011 Census and/or evidence re barriers & under-representation in cricket):

- Women and girls
- Disabled people, including neurodiverse people
- People from South Asian communities
- People from less well-off families

Taken together, these four groups comprise a majority of the Yorkshire population. Initial choice of 4 priority under-represented groups has now been health-checked and confirmed using results of analysis of 2021 Census data for Yorkshire: Confirmation of four priority under-represented groups: South Asian groups. Most, though not all, people within Yorkshire South Asian communities are of the Muslim faith. After Christianity, Islam = largest faith in Yorkshire (8.5% in Yorkshire overall, 30.5% in Bradford, 18.5% in Kirklees) 2021 *Census data*

## Recruitment and Selection

- New policy
- EDI responsibilities in job descriptions
- EDI vision and priorities in job ads
- EDI scoring for all management positions (minimum)
- New transparent guidelines for promotion and remuneration decision-making
- Partnered with Inclusive Employers for recruitment training (fairer and safer recruiter)
- EDI responsibilities for leadership group.

## EDI Training

Over 80 staff from the YCB, YCF, YCCC attended the introductory EDI training. In total, 89 employees from across the organisation interacted over 4 sessions.



Through lived experiences and active listening, the session proved to be interactive, enabling staff to share their journeys and understand each other through varied lenses. Training covered various aspects including Equity, Equality and Inclusion, as well as exploring the protected characteristics.



### **ECB Inclusive Leadership Programme**

YCB HORs and management team have enrolled on Inclusive leadership programme, this will include;

- 7 x 2-hour modules - covering essential inclusion and diversity content. (These have been tailored specifically to leadership in the cricket context and designed to provide relevant and actionable insights to help drive change)





- 4 x 1-hour webinars – covering key areas of diversity.
- 3 x 90min sessions of bespoke organisational-specific support - interspersed throughout the event programme these sessions aim to support intact leadership teams to embed their learning to achieve progress.
- Learning resources – participants will have access to a dedicated ECB
- Inclusive Leadership portal of learning resources to support the learning above.

### **Introducing the Boundary**

The Boundary programme is designed to equip recreational cricket with the knowledge and skills to minimise the risk of discrimination, both on-field and in relevant off-field situations, and to respond to those incidents that occur. YCB took part in the initial pilot which explored key themes such as Equity, Equality and Inclusion, also focus was on the protected characteristics and gave examples of what discrimination is, and how to manage complaints. YCB will continue to support the roll out across the county.

### **ECB EDI staff Census**

The results of the census were shared at the management meeting, key themes included staff morale and heightened stress levels, it was acknowledged that the census was taken in November 2022, which was a time of uncertainty across Yorkshire cricket. The Census highlighted that staff felt that they had a better awareness of EDI. It was also acknowledged that YCB had a small sample size of participants due to the number of vacancies at the time of the survey.

### **Recreation cricket fixtures and Religious Festivals**

A message was sent out from YCB director of cricket in consultation with the EDI manager, reminding leagues of Rule 9.6 – Religious Festivals All leagues under the jurisdiction of the YCB must respect the implications of significant religious festivals, such as Eid for members of the Muslim faith. As a result, over 20 fixtures have been rearranged across the county. This was the first initiative across the country and with lots of positive feedback from the recreation game.



### **Independent Commission for Equity in Cricket – ICEC**

The YCB fully engaged with ICEC, in terms of responding to the call for evidence, attending meetings and focus groups, and promoting participation across the region. The findings have not been publicised as yet., it is anticipated that there will be a lot of media attention. There is a comms plan aligned with ECB for when the report is published, this will be led by YCB Director of Cricket and Operations manager.

### **County Partnership Agreement (CPA)**

We continue to make good progress within the EDI standard of the county partnership agreement and have reported to be leading within most aspects of the 12-point action plan, particular strengths have included training and development which have been face to face, having guest speakers during Black History month and recreation game-wide webinars. An area to focus on continues to be EDI responsibilities within Board level, however these will be clarified once the new direction and makeup of the Board is established.

### **Staff Iftar Event**

The staff iftar event proved to be a success with over 60 staff members in attendance, key speakers included Imam Qari Asim, Chaplin Chris Edmondson and Humaira Aslam who talked about her lived experiences in terms of working for the NHS. There was also a lighthearted quiz and panel discussion.

The catering was provided by My Lahore and very well received. The evening generated lots of conversations and shared learning.

Jane Powell our new president was in attendance and said “thank you all for an excellent evening. It had a great mix of information, reflection, fun and food. Very well done to you all- some great contributions from all the guest too, please pass on my thanks and appreciation.”

Chris Edmundson said “thank you for the invitation to be at the Iftar last night, and in particular the opportunity to speak as part of the gathering. I thought it was an excellent, enjoyable and informative evening, and a further opportunity to build relationships and understanding within and beyond the Club”



## ECB Grassroots Cricket Awards 2022

After the great success of the 2021 awards, we saw an increase in nominations for the 2022 awards. The Award evening was held at Headingley in November where over 250 guests came together to recognise the incredible work done by all our volunteers in the cricket community. This year's winners were as follows:

<b>Connecting Communities (Brian and Shirley Hobson Award)</b>	<b>Nasar Hussain</b> <b>Dream Big, Aim High CIC</b>
<b>Inspired to play (Brian Stone Award)</b>	<b>Michael Buxton</b> <b>Calder Grove Cricket Club</b>
<b>Rising Star Award (Francesca Anoble Memorial)</b>	<b>Zainab Mahmood</b> <b>Woodsley Community Centre</b>
<b>Game Changer Award</b>	<b>Jordan Croft</b> <b>Outlane Cricket Club</b>
<b>Unsung Hero (George Reah Award)</b>	<b>Lindsay Graves</b> <b>Sprotborough Cricket Club</b>
<b>Growing the game (Lawrence Walker Award)</b>	<b>Lorna Fassnidge</b> <b>Ripon Cricket Club</b>
<b>Lifetime Achiever</b>	<b>Barrie Cox</b> <b>Whiston Parish Church Cricket Club</b>
<b>Cricket Innovator Award</b>	<b>Shahid Ali</b> <b>Allama Iqbal Cricket Club</b>
<b>Young Coach of the Year</b>	<b>Lewis Wigglesworth</b> <b>Goole Town Cricket Club</b>
<b>Coach of the Year (Maurice Young Award)</b>	<b>Jonny Sumner</b> <b>Pocklington Cricket Club</b>
<b>Outstanding Contribution/Services to Coaching</b>	<b>Dave Wyndham</b> <b>North Ferriby Cricket Club</b>
<b>Outstanding Contribution/Services to Coach Development</b>	<b>Amanda Garrard</b> <b>Holmfirth Cricket Club</b>
<b>Women's Cricket Development (Barbara Hare Award)</b>	<b>Kirsty Gavillet</b> <b>Bradford Park Avenue ladies cricket club</b>



Disability Cricket Award	Owen Jervis Yorkshire Disabled CCC
Officials Award	Andrew Mitchell Halifax Cricket league
Volunteer Grounds Management Team of the Year	Gethin Clarke Gildersome & Farnley Hill CC
Services to Diverse Communities Cricket Award (Numan Shabbir Syed Award)	Coaches of Great Horton Cricket Club

**Jonny Sumner – winner of the Coach of the Year (Maurice Young Award)**







## **Yorkshire Cricket Board Women and Girls – Annual Report**



The women and girl's game across Yorkshire is going from strength to strength after another year of targeted work within this area. ECB strategic investment into transforming the women and girls game has allowed the Cricket Board to continue its work in regions with Rob Johnson currently county lead and working within North and East Yorkshire, Dean Smith in South Yorkshire and Katie Stewart in West Yorkshire.

After the huge progress made in 2021 the development managers have continued to guide new clubs into the women and girls space as well as look to develop structures to support clubs across their regions. The Yorkshire Cricket Board working alongside partners managed to input 15 new formal playing offers for women and girl's cricket this resulting in 68 women's teams entering formulated cricket for the first time and 37 girl's teams doing the same.





Perceptions of women and girl's cricket across Yorkshire are changing with most clubs now welcoming the female side of the game to their club. Sundays now firmly feel like women's cricket day with 88 clubs now delivering women's cricket and 70 running girl's cricket. National programmes have also taken a step forward promoting the girl's game with the YCB hitting a longstanding target of 25% of participants being female.



## Playing Formats & Results

### Countywide

#### **Yorkshire Women's Hardball League**

- Premier – Winners: Sessay CC
- Division 1 – Winners: Doncaster Town CC
- Division 2 – Winners: North Leeds CC
- T20 Division 1 – Winners: Saxton CC
- T20 Division 2 – Winners: Yapham CC
- Super 8s – Winners: North Leeds CC
- Yorkshire Women's Softball Finals – Winners: Tickhill CC





## **North Yorkshire**

- Hambleton Ladies Softball League – Winners: Richmondshire CC
- Harrogate Women's Softball Festivals (Friendlies)
- Scarborough Women's Softball Festivals (Friendlies)
- York Girls Softball Festivals (Friendlies)
- York Girls Hardball Festivals (Friendlies)
- Harrogate Girls Softball Festivals (Friendlies)
- North Yorkshire Girls Hubs Competition – Winners: Harrogate Hub



## **East Yorkshire**

- East Yorkshire Women's Hardball League – Winners: Bridlington CC
- East Yorkshire Women's Softball league – Winners: Hessle CC
- East Yorkshire Women's Hardball Cup – Winners: York University
- East Yorkshire Girls Hardball Friendly League (Friendlies)
- East Yorkshire Girls Softball Festivals (Friendlies)



### South Yorkshire

- South Yorkshire Hardball Cup – Winners: Hatfield Town CC
- South Yorkshire Softball League
- Division 1 winners: Tickhill CC
- Division 2 winners: Wickersley Old Village CC
- Division 3 North winners: Stainborough CC
- Division 3 South winners: Eckington CC
- Ben Jessop Girls Softball League (Friendlies)

### West Yorkshire

- West Yorkshire Women's Hardball League – Winners: Pudsey St Lawrence
- West Yorkshire Women's Softball League – Winners: Blackley CC
- West Yorkshire U13s Girls Softball – Winners: Thurstonland CC
- Upper Airedale Girls Cup – Winners: Great Horton Church







## **Regional Activity:**

### **North**

The area took another step forward towards developing more structured cricket across the region. Most areas incorporated softball festivals into both their women and girls offers, these were received brilliantly with huge numbers in attendance at all events. This has set the base for new leagues to be created in 2023 with big developments in Scarborough as well as growth in the Hambleton Women's League.

The North Yorkshire Girls project that began with one hub for girls to access cricket in 2021 took a huge step forward by creating 4 weekly hubs in Scarborough, Ampleforth, York and Harrogate. This gives 185 girls weekly coaching sessions in environments where they feel comfortable with quality coaching. The season ended with a round robin competition between the hubs leading to many girls playing in their first all-girl games of cricket.



### **East**

East Yorkshire inputted its first ever women's hardball and softball leagues with 8 teams entering the hardball and 6 in the softball. The league was a huge success with 74 women's fixtures being played across the region in comparison to 18 in 2019. The season ended with a celebration of women's cricket at Beverley CC as the league hosted a finals day alongside the final round of softball fixtures, overall, 60 women playing cricket at one venue in East Yorkshire outlines the huge developments going on in the area.



### South

South Yorkshire entered a hardball cup offer for the first time with 8 clubs competing, this adding to the ever-growing softball league that saw 30 teams take part. The enormous growth of softball cricket is bringing more and more new women into the sport and having a huge impact on new players and teams entering hardball offers. This is something that will grow and become more structured across the area in 2023.

Leagues across the area have also started to input girls playing offers, this the start of developing a pathway for girls to enter the game and then lead to lifelong participation across the area.

### West

The West Yorkshire Women and Girls Development Group have developed many playing offers this year, whether it be the much-celebrated Women's Hardball League, the 5-division softball league or the many girls offers across the area the group are doing an amazing job of championing the female game. The season finished with an event of over 200 people in attendance at The Queens Hotel in Leeds to celebrate the success of the league this year. This year trophies and competitions were named after the Yorkshire Cricket Boards Steve Archer and Chris West as a note of thanks for their dedication to developing cricket across West Yorkshire and countywide.







## Disability Cricket review (May-December 2022)

Throughout the 7-month period there have been many twists and turns in the delivery of disability cricket across the county. An honest assessment was needed and targets to be revised to make appropriate aims for the remainder of the 2022 year. With the Disability Development Managers post being vacant for 6 months this allowed the foundations and sustainability of disability cricket across the county to be somewhat tested. Alongside the vacancy there were also the aftereffects of the pandemic to contend with. With all this being said there was still a huge number of positives to celebrate.

### Lord Taverners Super 1s Programme:

Arguably the area most affected by the problems stated above. This saw the community hubs decrease from 6 Hubs down to 3 hubs. The Super 1s programme is a community programme funded by the Lord Taverners to give children with SEND aged 12-25 the opportunity to participate in regular cricketing activities outside of academic time free of charge. In Yorkshire the three hubs running are York, Leeds, and Dewsbury, this is giving the local community an opportunity to have access to these sessions on a weekly basis.

From a recent survey the impact the Super 1s programme had on its participants was a hugely positive one. The programme led to the participants feeling the programme had increased their confidence in areas such as feeling included, independent, good about themselves and optimistic about the future, this led to them feeling more confident in certain situations they may've previously struggled in. This coincides with the Lord Taverners vision to 'empower and positively impact the lives of young people facing challenges of inequality'.

Another positive from the Super 1s programme was 20 children who regularly participate in the programme got the opportunity to attend Day 1 of the England Vs New Zealand Test Match held at Headingley. This was a great opportunity which the participants loved. For many of them it was their first ever opportunity to attend a proper cricket game and inspired them to attend more.



### Lord Taverners SEND Schools Cricket Programme:

A brand-new initiative set up by the Lord Taverners and ECB. This is growing on the previously delivered Table Cricket programme by adding elements of softball cricket delivery to the school's package. To accompany the programme funding from the Yorkshire Cricket Board was secured to offer two full-time SEND Delivery Officers roles. The new officers are tasked with delivering the new Send Schools Programme in their regions (West and South Yorkshire). A truly great addition to try and promote and showcase disability sport in the county.

Between September and December delivery of the SEND Schools programme was delivered to 5 schools. The delivery in the schools has seen a boost in participants attending the local Super 1s sessions, paving a way for a positive impact in 2023.

### Table Cricket Competitions 2022:

2022 also saw 2 Table cricket competitions successfully delivered in Yorkshire. The two competitions were held in North Yorkshire and were hosted by Scarborough Sixth Form and Queen Ethelburga's Collegiate in York. These competitions saw over 65 children compete in the Table cricket competition with 2 schools progressing to the finals which will be held in April 2023.

The competitions also saw 10 children from mainstream classes upskilled to become young leaders in the table cricket competitions. Allowing them to feel confident and assured when scoring and umpiring the games.

These two competitions are the start of a county wide delivery in 2023 with the county finals being delivered in April 2023.

### ECB Disability Cricket Champion Clubs:

Another initiative set up by the ECB to facilitate and grow disability cricket in a club setting. In 2022 Yorkshire had 10 successful clubs granted the ECB Disability Cricket Champion Club status for the disability programmes they are currently running or have planned to do so in future.

Of the 10 applications 5 successfully delivered some form of disability cricket at their clubs through the 2022 season and 5 had sessions planned to run. The Champion Club scheme saw 126 people with any form of disability participate in



regular cricket activity throughout the season. Every club session was well attended with 25 participants, the average number per club. Of the 126 people at the sessions 27 were female and 37 were under the age of 18. This is great for the future of disability cricket as clubs are encouraging females and young people to participate at their clubs.

### Yorkshire Disability Squads (D40 and S9s)

It could be argued the performance squads are the highlight of 2022 from a disability perspective with a very successful year for both teams both on and off the pitch. Both teams enjoyed a hugely successful season on the pitch with a total of 13 wins out of 14 matches (both teams combined). The final standings of the season led to 2 division winners titles and 1 promotion.

### Yorkshire D40 Squad:

The D40 squad played their games in the ECB Division 2 PERSUIT North League, playing against other counties in the northern section of the draw. The D40 squads enjoyed some competitive matches against Shropshire, Derbyshire, Northamptonshire, and Cheshire. The D40 squad finished the league in first position with a 41-point lead on Shropshire in second place. As a result of winning the league, the D40 squad set up a play-off with Middlesex 2<sup>nd</sup> team to determine who would be promoted into the ECB Division 1 Quest league for the 2023 season. Yorkshire went on to win by 81 runs granting them promotion to the ECB Division 1 Quest league.

### Yorkshire Super 9s Squad:

Another successful season for the S9s squad who went the full season unbeaten. The S9s squad played in the ECB S9 North Region League for the 2022 season playing other counties including Wales, Cheshire, and Lancashire. The S9s squad finished the season a huge 113 points clear of Cricket Wales in second place. Following the season, the S9s competed in the North division final against Wales to see who would be crowned champions. The S9s won the final with an 86-run win over their opponents.



The success on the field for both squads has led to positive developments off it. The Disability squads have seen an increase in numbers resulting in a development team (2<sup>nd</sup> Xi) added to the structure for the 2023 season. The D40 development squad will act as a bridge between the S9s and D40 squad to give the players an opportunity to push to progress through the teams.

On the back of a successful campaign further opportunities for the disability players grew. The ECB launched its first ever Disability Premier League with the final live on Sky Sports. A selection of the players from the D40 squad got selected to be a part of the tournament with 2 featuring in the final. Another positive on the back of the 2022 season is that over 10 players from the Yorkshire Disability Squads have been selected to attend the DPL camps for the 2023 draft selected to play for the England Disability squads in their field for the 2023 season.

To celebrate the huge success of the 2022 season the Yorkshire Cricket Board planned the first ever Yorkshire Disability Cricket Awards Evening held at Headingley Stadium. The night was a big hit with all involved with the performance squads and the appearance of Matty Revis to present the awards went down a treat. 2022 season may have been a very successful one but it's also the benchmark set for the 2023 season to become bigger and better with more ideas and opportunities being planned.



## **ECB Indoor 6 a Side Competition 2022/23**

On Sunday 30th January 2022, the Yorkshire Final of the ECB Indoor 6 a Side Competition took place at Headingley between Woodlands CC (West Yorkshire winners) and Sheffield University CC (South Yorkshire winners).

Sheffield University CC scored 75-4 in their 12 overs, with D. Cooke top scoring with 38\*. In reply Woodlands CC never quite matched the scoring rate required and were dismissed for 72 with G. Finn their top scorer with 20.

As there was no County Play Off fixture, on Sunday 20th March, Sheffield University CC, travelled to the home of Derbyshire CCC (The Incora County Ground) to compete in the Regional Final.

Their opponents in the First Semi Final were Grasshoppers CC (Shropshire winners). Grasshoppers CC batted first and scored 97-5 in their 12 overs. Peter Shackelford was the most economical of the Sheffield University CC bowlers, only conceding 17 runs in his 3 overs. In addition, four of the Grasshopper CC wickets were run outs. In reply, Sheffield University CC lost early wickets in each of the first two overs, and were thereafter always slightly behind the run rate, eventually being bowled out at 80-6. Eduardo Martin (batting at 4) top scored with 36 whilst Matthew Rees (batting at 5) scored 27.

They are to be congratulated on reaching this stage of the competition, just one match away from the Lord's Finals in April and will be hoping to go one better next year.

## **ECB U-13/15 VitalityT20 Competitions 2022**

On Sunday 26th June 2022, the Yorkshire Final of the U-13 Competition was kindly hosted by Doncaster Town CC. New Rover CC emerged as winners against their hosts.

On Sunday 30th July 2022, the Yorkshire Final of the U-13 Competition was kindly hosted by Ouseburn CC. New Rover emerged as winners against their hosts and completed a double by winning both competitions in the same season.





## All Stars and Dynamos

All Stars Cricket is the England and Wales Cricket Board's entry level participation programme, aimed at providing children aged five to eight with a great first experience in cricket. Dynamos Cricket then provides a fantastic next step for all those graduating from All Stars Cricket and the perfect introduction for all 8-11-year-olds new to the sport!

2022, was another fantastic year for the YCB in supporting clubs & centres across all areas of Yorkshire in making cricket accessible to all. The aim was to engage with low socio-economic groups, more girls playing, and sustain centres across the county, while supporting the creating welcoming environments for all families involved. The demographical breakdown across Yorkshire has been superb, reaching all four areas of the county and in to the most diverse and rural areas of the county. Hallam CC having the highest number of signups for an All Stars program for a second year running. We again increased the number of girls signing up to national programs which has resulted in more girls' teams and was another great year for All Stars Cricket & Dynamos.



### All Stars statistics

**Centres: 262**  
**Sign Ups: 6335**  
**26% are female sign ups**



### Dynamos statistics

**Centres: 180**  
**Sign Ups: 2316**  
**25% are female sign ups**

A huge well done to all the clubs, All Stars/Dynamos Activators, volunteers & coaches who have been a part of the programme. The volunteer network deliver and drive the programmes, giving all the children the chance to experience cricket for first time.



## Chance to shine, Schools & Street



### Schools:

Chance To Shine and the Yorkshire Cricket Board have again delivered a high quality cricket programme in state primary schools across the county. Even though staffing levels were low, we still managed to achieve and deliver the number of hours and keep children fully engaged. I would like to thank all our delivery team and partners for ensuring these children have bat and balls in hand and the opportunity to play cricket. We inspire children to be:

- Excited about cricket
- Support academic learning
- Develop life skills using cricket as the vehicle
- Support teachers to deliver cricket within their school
- Develop and encourage schools to attend local competitions and link to local cricket clubs

The below summary details our school delivery over 2022:

Total Schools	118	205	323
Total Children	15162	28905	44067
Total Hours	4248	1230	5478



### **Street:**

Yorkshire Cricket Board in partnership with Chance to Shine Street uses cricket to promote social cohesion and create opportunities for young people in diverse communities affected by anti-social behavior and youth crime. Every child, no matter where they live, should have the opportunity to play or try cricket. We have 12 projects across Yorkshire, each project is strategically selected based on low social economic groups, areas of deprivation and within diverse communities. The partnerships we create with local partners are vital in the design and delivery of the project. Here are the statistics of delivery for 2022, again the focus is around creating community partnership, health, and social wellbeing and looking to train and develop local people.

Number of Projects	13
Number of Sessions	344
Community - Total Coaching Hours	955
Tasters - Total Coaching hours	44
Competitions / Leagues - Total Coaching Hours	34
Unique Participants <i>(SE Target = 30 per project)</i>	420
Average weekly attendance at community sessions <i>(National Average = 16 per project)</i>	18

### **Dynamos Schools Competitions**

2022 was the first year of the Dynamos Schools competitions. This programme was aimed at trying to reach more children to participate in school competitions. We gave more children an opportunity to have bat and ball in hand and say "Cricket is a game for me". We used our existing workforce to deliver high quality match play to inspire transition into appropriate junior format. We also provide a less competitive structure, aimed at new or less sporty children to develop skills in hitting, throwing, bowling and movement.



The programme delivered a staggering number of sessions to a huge number of children, something which we want to increase in 2023.

- Year 1/2/3 skills festivals
- Year 3/4 Dynamos Schools
- Year 5/6 Dynamos Schools

Key Performance Indicators	2022 Events	2022 Participation Numbers
Competitive match-play	98	6444
Skills festivals	30	1800



## Yorkshire Cricket Coach Development 2022

It was great to get back to some sort of normality during 2022, It's been a pleasure to get back on the 'dance floor' in sports halls, schools and community facilities to allow us to develop coaches to service the needs of our clubs and leagues. We have also enjoyed the excitement of the New ECB Core Coach (this replaced the old L2) to add to the Foundation phase of courses that we now offer. This has been really well received so credit must go to the ECB for producing this resource.

During 2022 we delivered

- 10 Core Coach Courses – 160 learners through the programme
- 14 Foundation I Courses – 220 learners through the programme
- 7 Support Coach Courses - 107 learners through the programme

The three ECB Coach Development courses (as above) that make up the ECB Foundation Phase of coaching.

- ECB Support Coach - £40 – 16 years+ to register
- ECB Foundation I Coach - £150 – 17 years+ to register, 18 to receive certification
- ECB Core Coach - £300 – 17 years+ to register, 18 to receive certification

Yorkshire Cricket Coach Development also offer an Introduction to Coaching and Leadership for over 12s as part of our offer to Clubs, Communities and also included in the YCB Schools offer. We will be running this at clubs during the Summer, if this interests you, please get in touch. This proved very popular last year. These young people can then support All Stars, Dynamos and under 9 festivals etc.

We are still running Core Coach courses for ICC Europe and also include them in our virtual 'Fireside Chats'. These prove very popular to talk everything coaching, we have had some great advocates for the game join us, David 'Bumble' Lloyd, Liam Plunkett, Jack Shutt will be with us this month. These are great fun and very enjoyable.





On behalf of Yorkshire Cricket Coach Development, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support over the last 12 months, we have worked with some amazing clubs and people and very much look forward to working with you for many more years to come. We're all in this for the good of cricket and looking forward to seeing what 2023/24 brings.

Can I also take this opportunity to thank our Coach Developer Workforce as we would be able to deliver our programme without their support, thank you.





## **Pitch Advisory and Grounds Education services report 2022**

2022 enabled the PAGES team to be able to get back to hosting Face to Face Spring Preparation and Autumn Preparation workshops.

We ran 2 workshops at Kirkstall in April and August. The sessions were led by the experienced Groundkeeper David Hodgson. In attendance we had our North GMA representative Andrew Welsby who was able to offer expert advice and support to all the new grounds managers that attended.

Prior to the season we hosted two online seminars with the GMA and our team of county pitch advisors. These were generic seminars that focused on all aspects of grounds support. They will return for 2023 along with additional seminars based on the need analysis from clubs and leagues which shows the common issues and areas that Grounds persons require help with.

Our Pitch Advisory Service did manage to continue with 8 clubs throughout Yorkshire requiring the service of the County Pitch Advisor. This service does come at a cost but details of this can be found by contacting Richard Wilkinson.

We now have 6 CPAs within Yorkshire that are not solely attached to these areas but roughly cover these regions in Yorkshire:

Kevin Byrne (North/West)

Malcolm Maw (East)

Nick James (North/West)

Andy Pierson (North)

Mark Pearson (South)

Nasa Hussain who is to become a CPA in 2022 and will be based in the West out of Bradford Park Avenue.

The Grounds Management Association (Former IOG) continues their partnership with the ECB. Their website offers informational videos and online courses for Grounds care and maintenance. All can be accessed at [Cricket Home | Grounds Management Toolkit \(thegma.org.uk\)](https://www.thegma.org.uk)



## Officials

In 2020 the YCB formed the Officials' Management Group with the aim of attracting more umpires and scorers into the game and reversing the decline in the number of officials which is affecting all sports. Due to the pandemic this group were unable to start to take effective action. The lack of face-to-face courses and the restrictions on certain festivals and outdoor activities has not helped the development of this initiative but, despite this, good progress has been made. During 2022 the YCB and ACO have worked closer together to help recruit more officials into the game.

During 2022 199 Umpires were trained throughout Yorkshire from Stage 1 to Stage 3. All of which were expertly organised by the Yorkshire ACO branch. In addition, there has been an increase in participants for the online FREE It's Your Call – Umpire Education Stage One. This course is designed as a basic overview of the Laws of the game and how to apply them. It will enable you to umpire matches as a club umpire where there are no independent umpires appointed and for those players who must umpire their own matches.

The YCB have supported the delivery of Young Officials courses within Secondary schools.

Cricket officiating, either umpiring or scoring, can give many life skills, such as self-confidence and people management skills to young people. During 2022 these young officials have been supporting local schools' competitions and junior club matches.

All the courses have taken the focus of tackling inequalities within the game. Targeting groups to work with in, Diverse Communities, Women and Girls Cricket Disability Cricket.

This remains a key focus for the YCBACO as well as recruiting more officials in the game. Although the last couple of years have been tough for all areas of sport, the framework is in place to move officiating forward in Yorkshire.



**NYSD Umpire Babs Noor from Middlesbrough who has been appointed to the ECB National Panel of Umpires**



## Finance

The financial results for the period ended 30 September 2022 are summarized below. Whilst in this first full year free of Covid-19 issues a surplus of £118k has been shown this was almost all directly attributable to much reduced staffing costs with the Board operating at one time at around 50% of normal capacity. In addition, the move of Boys CAG to the Club meant costs in this sector were also reduced.

These bottom-line benefits will not be repeated in the financial year to 9.23 with staffing levels being rebuilt and a number of exceptional costs expected during the current period.

	Year ended 30-Sep-22	Year ended 30-Sep-21
	£'000	£'000
<i>Revenue</i>		
ECB Trust	974	844
County Age Group and Regional Cricket	8	45
Coach Education	128	104
Disability	20	25
BME/South Asian programme	86	25
Women's Cricket	218	113
Chance To Shine	192	210
Club Support	34	53
Other	43	385
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>1,703</b>	<b>1,804</b>
<b>Directly attributable operating costs</b>	<b>1,276</b>	<b>1,236</b>
<b>Gross Contribution</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>568</b>
<b>Indirect Overheads</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>245</b>
<b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>323</b>



