



Saddleworth and Lees District Executive Funding Application 2014/2015

SECTION A

Please note that this section of the application will be made part of the District Executive's public reports and be available on our website at www.oldham.gov.uk

NAME OF ORGANISATION REQUESTING FUNDING (must be same as on Section B):

Greenfield Cricket Club

PROJECT TITLE (must be same as on Section B): **Greenfield CC Ground Upkeep & Maintenance**

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT REQUIRING FUNDING setting out: what the project will deliver. Who will benefit, and how? How many people will benefit etc. Please provide as much detail as possible and continue on a separate sheet if required.

Our club runs purely through the tireless effort of volunteers and has a total of 9 teams, 3 senior XIs and 6 junior age group sides (U9s, U10s, U11s, U13s, U15s and U18s), some age groups having multiple teams. The club also holds The Medal Competition on a Friday evening which allows recreational teams of all ages and backgrounds in the community a chance to play cricket. We are also one of the few if not the only club to have a girls' team in our league and the Saddleworth and District area.

We have circa 200 members of which circa 60 are juniors.

The ground is also used for Oldham District games. Circa 90% in the 2015 season. 100% of U11s games.

The club has the ECB club mark, a status given to cricket clubs which have been recognised for their work in the local community and in particular junior cricket.

As our ground is small in terms of a cricket pitch it has become increasingly difficult to look after the square and ground to ensure cricket can be played at a recreational level. This also brings other barriers when we are looking to provide pathways to reach a more elite level due to the volume of teams and players wishing to play the game and use our ground. It is also difficult to maintain the outlook of the ground to keep to the standards of the green outlook of the village and area.

A lot of the equipment we use to maintain and prepare the ground is starting to fail due to its age, making it increasingly difficult to have the ground fit to play cricket at all levels, therefore we need to purchase new machinery in order to carry on providing cricket at a recreational level for the local community and to continue to build the club. However, we don't have the funds required and are therefore asking for support in obtaining the new equipment which is much needed. We believe Cricket and sport should be enjoyed by all those who wish to participate and never wish to be in the position to tell people they cannot use our facilities which may happen if these facilities aren't purchased. This would happen as the groundstaff and the ground itself wouldn't be able to repair the wickets and process the amount of games and players that will be using

the facilities.

We are therefore requesting funding for:

A (6T) Dennis FT510 9 Blade Cylinder, Verti-Cutter & Scarifier 5.5hp Honda Engine

<http://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/Dennis-FT510-9-Blade-Cylinder-Verti-Cutter-Scarifier-5-5hp-Honda-Engine-/331606066456>

Price - £4495

This piece of equipment is recommended by the ECB and LCB. The Dennis FT510 will aid in the production of playing wickets and help repair used wickets. It is also a progressive machinery meaning over time the quality of the playing area will improve. This will replace some machinery we have which is over 25 years old. It has multiple functions making it very versatile.

This will directly influence all members at the club. However, it will not be limited there. We have direct links with the local Primary Schools and Saddleworth School and allow them to use our facilities.

Non-members, recreational teams, girls' teams, juniors, senior teams, local schools and district cricket will all benefit due to greater quality in wickets and improved turn round with repair allowing more games to take place.

We have hosted Oldham District games and hopefully with better ground maintenance we will be able to host more and potentially host Junior County games providing a pathway to the elite level.

The Saddleworth Olympics and Norman Heap Trophy are hosted by our club. These are cricket festivals for schools and area teams throughout the community. The Norman Heap Trophy is a 25 year old tradition. Both these festivals give hundreds of juniors an opportunity to use our facilities and participate in sport. Better facilities will enhance this experience and hopefully get them more involved and participating regularly in Cricket.

The club is well supported by the local community and many are spectators of the game on weekends. The increased quality in wickets will make cricket more aesthetically pleasing to watch for all and may encourage them to participate and not just watch.

Sight Screens –

Price - £1000

The sight screens have become derelict and rotten. With new sight screens we will be able to produce better quality and safer cricket for all games on the ground. Again this will directly influence playing members, local schools, representative cricket, girls cricket and recreational games played upon the ground and will improve our status in our strive to be a better facility for the local community and gain greater recognition for our work.

Pitch Marker –

<https://www.pitchcare.com/shop/cricket-accessories/cricket-crease-marking-frame.html>

Price £390

The pitch marker will help our volunteer groundsman better allocate their time as they no longer have to

worry about precise markings. They can therefore spend their time preparing higher quality pitches for its playing members, repairing used wickets in order to get a higher turn around which would hopefully mean more cricket matches being played for all who use the ground and higher quality pitches. They will also be able to spend more time on other aspects of the ground. For example, looking after the nets for recreational use from all who use our facilities and creating a greener feel for the area by looking after the outfield and bankings which are next to the community park and the river which runs parallel to the ground.

Greater external use of the club can be made through schools, representative cricket and non-members as a pitch can be marked even if none of the ground staff are available.

Flymo Petrol Power Air Cushion Mower - Honda 160 cc Engine

<http://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/Flymo-Petrol-Power-Air-Cushion-Mower-Honda-160-cc-Engine-/261950024618>

Price - £425

This piece of equipment shall greatly aid in the upkeep of the outfield and bankings next to the park and the river. It takes many hours of our volunteers' time to maintain this upkeep of the ground which isn't part of the playing area. This mower will greatly reduce this time allowing our volunteers to spend more time in preparing the ground for its actual function of cricket. This will benefit all playing members and also allow more games to be played on a higher standard of facilities due to better use of our volunteers' time allowing for more recreational cricket games for novices, juniors, girls, schools and the more elite cricket which is played.

In terms of numbers influenced we have estimated that 5514 players directly participated in playing cricket upon our ground last year alone. This is estimated with each individual attendance counted once. We have calculated this through last seasons' fixture list and only direct players. This therefore doesn't include spectators, volunteers, coaches and recreational cricket outside structured/ competitive organisation therefore; this number is in fact well short of total number of visits from the community.

For example we have calculated –

1st XI – 16 home matches x 24 direct players = 384

We have done this style of calculation for all senior, junior, girls, schools, district and medal comp fixtures and also training for each respectively.

With improved ground maintenance equipment we believe we will be able to offer cricket directly to more individuals.

In support of this application we have liaised with Sport Development regularly and in particular Lauren Whaley. The club understands that this is a large application and we are happy to provide funding towards any contribution. However, we are currently in the process of putting together an application to inspired facilities for new changing room facilities to replace our existing ones which have been in place since the 1920s therefore, the majority of our fund raising will be towards this. We have consulted with other successful clubs in our pursuit of funding to better ourselves and the local community and actively fund raise throughout the year.

Total Project Cost	£6,310
Amount requested from the District Executive	£6,000

HAVE YOU ALREADY RECEIVED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE COUNCIL OR ANY OTHER SOURCE FOR THIS PROJECT IN THE LAST 2 YEARS?
 YES NO
IF YES PLEASE GIVE DETAILS BELOW:

SOURCE OF FUNDING	AMOUNT RECEIVED £	DATE

Please check that you have included all the necessary enclosures and return this form to your District Co-ordinator **Lisa Macdonald, Uppermill Library - upstairs office, St Chads, High Street, Uppermill, OL3 6AP**
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