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**Subject: Letter of support**

**To Whom It May Concern,**

We are writing in response to the notice placed outside the Cricket Club in Woodhouses this week. As local residents living in close proximity to the club, we wish to express our strong support and highlight the significant positive impact the club has, not only on the local community and residents of the village but also on our family. We are members of the club, and our young son is a junior member of the U9s team.

Having lived on Atherton Close, directly opposite the club, for the past 12 years, we have never experienced any problems due to events, groups, or matches hosted there. In fact, we consider ourselves fortunate to have such a well-organised, family-friendly community hub on our doorstep, especially in today's society where safe communal spaces are increasingly rare.

The club is truly at the heart of our community, bringing people of all ages together. It hosts a range of events and groups, from the "Little Stars" toddler group for younger members to a weekly coffee morning for elderly residents and their friends. This coffee morning, run by Wendy, Diane, and Ann, has grown to over 100 attendees; its popularity is such that I recently donated 25 new mugs to help them meet the demand for brews! The club also successfully hosts Macmillan coffee mornings, raising substantial funds over the past couple of years, and organises regular days out and lunches to ensure no one in the village feels isolated.

Furthermore, the club provides safe facilities for children and young people from Woodhouses and surrounding areas to socialise, make friends, and learn cricket. Our son has participated in All Stars Cricket for the past four summers and has now joined the U9s squad. All these activities are run by dedicated volunteers, players, and parents, with barbecues and presentations organised to ensure the children enjoy themselves and remain engaged with the sport and a part of the club.

Regarding the events hosted by the club, we have attended and supported many of them. For outdoor events, as nearby residents, we are always informed in advance and given complimentary tickets for our entire family as a gesture of goodwill. For occasions like Bonfire Night, we join other volunteers and residents in assisting with the clean-up, which has become a fun event in itself, complete with brews and bacon butties provided by the club. We also received free tickets to a recent music event, which we attended with many friends and neighbours. It was very well organised, the weather was excellent, and there were no issues whatsoever; the children particularly enjoyed it. These events are made possible by the club's brilliant network of volunteers. The indoor events also raise significant amounts for charity, and we eagerly anticipate the annual "Stars in Their Eyes" event, which sees many locals participating.

The club's supporters and families are deeply committed because the club, in turn, supports them in numerous ways. For many in the community, it is far more than just a cricket club.

**Kind Regards,**

**Martin and Gillian Roberts**

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