

From: Melanie Parry-Graham
Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2025 11:26 AM
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: Supporting Woodhouses Cricket Club

Hi,

I have lived in Woodhouses for 10 years, and the Cricket Club has become a huge part of my life, and that of my family.

My partner, Gareth Tuson, has played cricket here his whole life, and he has been the club's Chairman for a number of years - and believe me when I say - Woodhouses Cricket Club's reputation and success is a passion beyond measure. He shows this in the hours he spends researching policies and health and safety requirements. Tirelessly implementing ways to bring the club into the modern day, whilst maintaining its integrity as a historical foothold in the community.

He works alongside an equally dedicated team of volunteers, many of whom have played at the club and now coach the next generation. They maintain the grounds, organise events that benefit the club, charities, and the local community. Every event is run with the community in mind, each preceded by communications and invitations (often free or discounted) for those who will feel its presence in the local area. Each is followed by clean-up parties, which span the village. The club works with other local establishments to provide parking where possible, and has recently used the ground itself to mitigate traffic in the village and minimise the event's impact. The dedication the volunteers show, the experiences the club provides and the impact the club has on this community is priceless, and it must continue. The annual events alone have become staples, each a saut after occasion and experience.

The 'teas' ladies have been avid supporters of the club their entire adult lives; they've watched their children grow here, alongside their families. Dianne Andrews has started a coffee morning that provides the older generation with a place to go - a safe place to be and something they all genuinely look forward to.

The staff are employed from the local area, the first jobs of many young people in the village, and an inspirational place to develop professional skills, gain life experience importantly, a safe place to work.

Our 3-year-old daughter plays here, grows her independence and thrives at well-organised, family-focused social events - she loves coming to the events, they enrich her life.

One final note to mention - I attended the end-of-season celebration this year, and one junior award winner said, *'I love playing here, because we're a family'*. This young man spoke over the mic, in front of his entire team and peers and was met with cheers, pride, and nods of agreement from generations of players and their families. His dad coaches the team. This is a family club - a place where people come together as one, and leave with a lasting feeling of belonging.

Any restrictive action against the club would be an incredible disservice to the community and undermine the spirit it strives to maintain.

Thank you,

Mel

4 Partridge Road
Woodhouses
M35 9NW