



Byfleet Cricket Club – Financial & Club Update

I am pleased to inform you that the recent appeal for membership payments & donations to enable the Club to survive the Covid-19 pandemic has been very successful. We have raised just over £4,000 which is enough to ensure we can meet our financial obligations through to Summer 2021, our 145th season, even if we are unable to generate any income before then.

The sum received is made up of:

GoFundMe Appeal - £1,760

Direct Donations - £725

Annual Subscriptions - £1,565

Former players who supported the appeal included Mike Hunter, Linn Hunter, Andy Vernoum, Colin Cottrell, Nigel Franklin, Malcolm Hilton, Lawrence Nichols, Nick James, Mike Morgan, "Big" Jerry Hunting, Nigel Butler, Matt Savage and together they donated £655. Donations were also received from a number of Hannah & Andy Graves friends' who attended her wedding at the Club, current players and the local community. On behalf of the Club I would like to thank everyone who supported us in these difficult times.

We are also very grateful to Woking Borough Council who have provided us with the Government Business Support grant of £10,000 which is to support the Club through this difficult period.

We are extremely well managed financially and operationally have low fixed costs compared to most Clubs in Surrey. We have some debt following the refurbishment works but we are well-placed to re-open when allowed. I am aware of some Clubs in serious trouble requiring £15-25,000 just to survive the year, so we should consider ourselves very fortunate.

At the time of writing cricket is suspended until 1st July, it is looking likely that the 2020 League season could be abandoned but if there is any chance of playing later in the summer, even if it is just friendlies, then we will take full advantage of the opportunity. At the appropriate time we will also look to open the Clubhouse/Bar using the Government advice at the time and I believe Lucy Collins is already making plans!

Once again, thank you for your support and I look forward to welcoming you all to the Club once this is all over. In the meantime please continue to observe the Government's Covid-19 advice and look after yourselves and the community around you.

Kind Regards

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