



SURREY  
CRICKET  
FOUNDATION



# Impact & Vision

2025 Edition



## **MAKING MORE HAPPEN**

In 2025, we worked hard to live up to our mantra of “Making More Happen,” and this report shows just how well our Surrey Cricket Foundation (SCF) Team, led by Chris, delivered.

The numbers tell part of the story, but it’s the impact behind them that drives us to keep pushing forward: adults benefitting from new leagues, children discovering cricket in schools, more women and girls’ clubs being established, and disability cricket bringing joy to players, families and carers. Across all our programmes, people are gaining skills, confidence and friendships - opening doors to opportunity, inclusion and community.

All of this shows how our much-loved game can be a powerful force for good.

Thank you to everyone who supported us in 2025. And to those not yet involved, we’d love you to join us in Making More Happen.

***Carol Potter - Chair of Trustees***



2025 was a landmark year for SCF. As we look back on our progress, this report shows how cricket continues to inspire, unite, and transform lives across Surrey and south London.

Guided by our 2025–2028 Strategic Goals, we focused on the four pillars that shape everything we do:

More Games – Creating more chances for people of all ages and abilities to begin or continue their cricket journey.

More Places – Strengthening the facilities, workforce, and support needed for cricket to thrive in every community.

More Inclusion – Ensuring everyone feels welcome and able to access the game.

More Opportunities to Change Lives – Using cricket as a force for social good, far beyond the boundary.

The impact highlighted in this report has been made possible by the dedication of our SCF team and the support of our partners, volunteers, and donors. Thank you for helping us extend cricket’s reach and deepen its positive influence throughout 2025.

***Chris Coleman - Director of Cricket Participation***

## 2025 HEADLINES

# 18,379

Children Coached in Schools

# 25,789

Adult Players in League Cricket

# 6,318

Women & Girls  
Registered in Leagues

# 19,557

Young Cricketers in the SJCC

# 1,435

Participants Reached Across  
All Disability Programmes

# 546

Coaches Trained

# £257.5k

Facilities Grant Funding Awarded

# 701

Officials & Scorers Qualified





**MORE GAMES**  
Igniting a Lifelong Passion



“ Hi, I’m Immy, and I’m 7 years old. When I first tried cricket at school in Year 2, I was really nervous. At the start, I could barely hit the ball, but as the weeks went on, I got more confident. Soon, I was hitting the ball low and far, and I loved it!

I enjoyed the lessons so much that I started going to the lunchtime cricket club. I even helped other kids who hadn’t done the class sessions so they could join in too. Cricket made me feel happy, even when I was tired and hot from playing!

Daisy, my coach from the Surrey Cricket Foundation, was amazing. She made cricket fun and helped me believe in myself. She inspired me so much that when we had a ‘dress as someone who inspires you’ day, I dressed up as her!

Playing cricket at school made me want to keep going, so now I play for the under-8s at Merstham Cricket Club. I even go along on Saturdays to cheer for the women’s teams. Cricket has given me confidence, new friends, and something I really love doing.

This year, I was so proud and excited to win Schools Participant of the Year at the Chance to Shine Awards 2025. It makes me want to play even more games and keep getting better! ”

**Immy’s story perfectly illustrates how we are committed to ensuring more games happen at every level across Surrey and south London. We support and deliver entry-level programmes like All Stars and Dynamos to introduce thousands of children to the game. We embed cricket in schools through coaching and teacher training, ensuring it becomes part of everyday life. We host school competitions that give young players the thrill of representing their school. We run the Surrey Junior Cricket Championship, providing a clear route into structured club cricket. And for those who continue their journey, we support adult leagues and formats like the Surrey Cricket Championship so cricket remains a sport for life.**



### Scan to Watch:

See Imogen’s journey to the 2025 Chance to Shine Young Person of the Year award, alongside her Surrey Cricket Foundation coach, Daisy.

## MORE ENTRY-LEVEL OPPORTUNITIES

In 2025, we continued to grow entry-level cricket through All Stars and Dynamos programmes, helping thousands of children build confidence and fundamental skills in a fun, welcoming environment. We supported clubs to expand their offerings and delivered over 1,700 fully funded sessions ourselves, ensuring more young players could start their cricketing journey.

### Our 2025 Impact:



108

Programmes

79

Programmes

2,792

Participants

1,408

Participants

788

Girls

510

Girls

### Making More Happen 2026–2028:

- ✓ Continue to provide fully funded All Stars and Dynamos places, delivered by the Foundation, for participants who would otherwise be unable to take part.
- ✓ Continue to deliver Street Stars and Chance to Shine Street to enable free, year-round play for children aged 5 years and up.





## MORE COACHING IN SCHOOLS

This year, we broadened access to cricket by delivering record levels of school coaching and teacher training. These sessions introduced thousands of pupils to the game and reinforced the skills learned in entry-level programmes, creating strong foundations for future participation.

### Our 2025 Impact:



18,379

Children Coached



138

Schools Involved



195

Teachers Trained



4,015

Coaching Hours Delivered

### Making More Happen 2026–2028:

- ✓ Double the number of primary schools we deliver in annually.
- ✓ Grow and measure transition from schools to play-on opportunities.
- ✓ Launch a secondary schools focused delivery programme.
- ✓ Encourage transition into the Surrey Academic Cricket Scholarship Sixth Form programme, in partnership with Surrey County Cricket Club.

In partnership with:





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COUNTY CRICKET CLUB

## MORE SCHOOL COMPETITIONS

2025 saw us deliver more school competitions than ever, giving thousands of children the chance to experience teamwork and match play. These events provided an exciting next step for young players, deepening their passion for cricket and putting their skills into practice.

### Our 2025 Impact:



872

Schools Competition Teams



1,838

Schools Fixtures Played



8,420

Players at Competitions

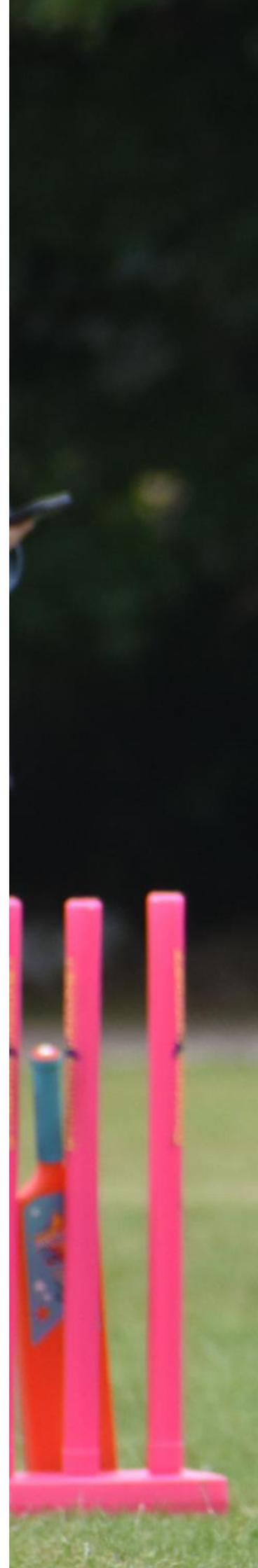
### Making More Happen 2026–2028:

- ✓ Review and deliver a comprehensive schools competition offer.
- ✓ Ensure there is a suitable playing option accessible to all schools.



#### Scan to Watch:

Held at Kingston Grammar School, our 2025 Girls Starburst Secondary School Festival brought together girls from 23 schools, 20 of which were state schools.





## MORE JUNIOR LEAGUE CRICKET

The Surrey Junior Cricket Championship (SJCC) continued to grow in 2025, creating a vital pathway into club cricket & helping young players stay engaged and progress in the sport. This year marked an important step toward our 2025–28 goal: **to reach 20,000 players in the SJCC**. By expanding opportunities and strengthening the league structure, we are building the foundation to achieve this target and ensure more children experience competitive cricket as part of their lifelong journey in the game.

### Our 2025 Impact:



1,711

Teams Entered

139

Clubs Involved

7,826

Fixtures

19,557

Young Cricketers

320

Girls' Teams

371

Teams at the U15 Age Group and Above

### Making More Happen 2026–2028:

- ✓ Develop insight-led playing offers that help to retain players and grow participation.
- ✓ Continue to develop and embed the Values and Behaviours Framework.
- ✓ Ensure all clubs are signed up to the Safehand Management System.





## MORE ADULT CRICKET

Across the year, we strengthened adult participation through leagues and formats like the newly formed Surrey Cricket Championship and the Surrey Slam. These initiatives provided more opportunities for men and women to keep playing, making cricket truly a sport for life.

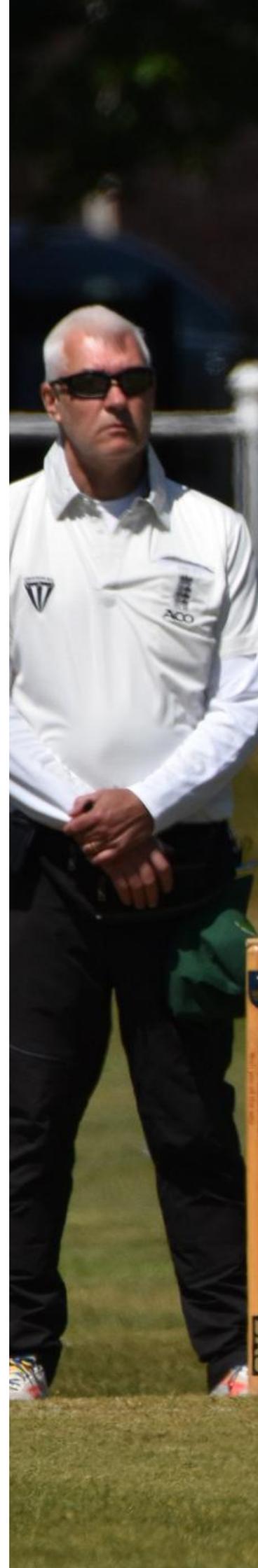
Looking ahead, we are working toward our strategic goal: **to support and enable 750+ teams to take part in league cricket.** By expanding formats and improving access, we aim to ensure that adult cricket continues to thrive across Surrey and south London.

### Our 2025 Impact:



### Making More Happen 2026–2028:

- ✓ Embed the previous Surrey Women's Cricket League into the Surrey Cricket Championship.
- ✓ Work with leagues to deliver player insight-led playing offers.
- ✓ Continue to deliver a broad playing offer including the Surrey Slam.
- ✓ Work with clubs to deliver welcoming and inclusive environments for all.
- ✓ Provide tailored support to clubs to deliver sustained growth in playing numbers.





# MORE PLACES

Strengthening the Foundations of Cricket



“ I’m Mo, one of the Surrey Cricket Foundation’s Community Cricket Coaches. My journey with the Foundation began by playing tape-ball cricket at the Wandsworth Chance to Shine Street programme. It was fast and fun, but I wanted more - a chance to play the hardball game and take my skills to the next level. The Foundation gave me that opportunity through the City Cup, a brilliant competition that helps players from diverse backgrounds transition into club cricket.

The City Cup was my stepping stone. From there, I progressed to high-level hardball cricket, representing the 1st XI at Banstead CC and later Weybridge CC. Playing the game I loved was incredible, but I always felt a pull to give back.

That’s when I started my coaching journey. I trained for my qualifications and began coaching casually for the Foundation, determined to help young players find their path - just like I did. The support and mentoring I received were outstanding. The Foundation doesn’t just focus on the players; it invests in the coaches too.

Today, I’m proud to be a permanent Community Cricket Coach. I coach across a range of programmes, from school sessions to street cricket, using the game as a tool to build confidence, discipline, and belonging.

My journey has come full circle: from a player supported by the Foundation to a coach shaping the next generation. That’s what the Surrey Cricket Foundation is all about - creating talent, training leaders, and building the clubs and communities where these journeys begin. ”

**Mo’s story is a powerful example of the Foundation’s commitment to developing the people who keep cricket thriving. Every new coach trained doesn’t just add capacity - they create new opportunities for the game to take root in more schools, more clubs, and more communities. By investing in a skilled, diverse workforce, we ensure cricket can happen everywhere: from playgrounds and parks to league grounds and community hubs. Mo’s journey shows what’s possible when we build pathways for coaches, and this year we’ve continued to grow that workforce - hundreds of qualified coaches are now delivering high-quality, inspiring sessions across Surrey and south London. More coaches mean more places - and that’s how we grow the game for generations to come.**

## MORE FACILITIES

Our focus on expanding access to cricket by improving facilities across Surrey and south London remained a key focus in 2025. From clubs and schools to community hubs, our investment in grounds and infrastructure has helped to create safe, high-quality spaces for matches and training, making cricket more accessible than ever before. As part of our 2025–28 strategy, we aim to **ensure facilities are an enabler of participation, focusing effort on inner London where supply and demand are most out of balance**, so that every community has the opportunity to play.

### Our 2025 Impact:



### Making More Happen 2026–2028:

- ✓ Focus on supporting facility development where need is greatest.
- ✓ Maximise use/access to education facilities which are often underutilised by cricket.
- ✓ Encourage the use of Non-Turf Pitches to increase capacity on the existing squares and accommodate a greater breadth of cricket activity.
- ✓ Aid development of innovative cricket facilities, such as Cricket Domes.
- ✓ Improve Grass Pitches through the Grass Pitch Improvement Fund.
- ✓ Promote and administer the ECB County Grants Fund.
- ✓ Protect Cricket Facilities that are at risk of being lost.





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## MORE PEOPLE

In 2025, we continued to expand our workforce by training more coaches, officials, and volunteers, creating the capacity for cricket to thrive in schools, clubs, and community spaces. This strengthened network ensures that wherever there's demand, skilled people are ready to deliver safe, inclusive, and high-quality experiences - bringing cricket to more communities and inspiring more people to play.

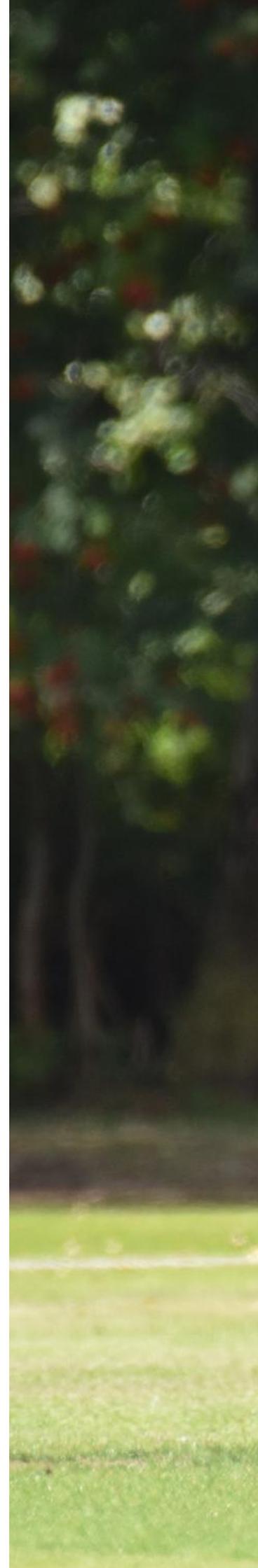
Our focus for the next three years is clear: to **facilitate a workforce representative of our community**, ensuring diversity and inclusion are at the heart of everything we do.

### Our 2025 Impact:



### Making More Happen 2026–2028:

- ✓ Train 400+ new coaches every year ensuring our coaches are representative of our playing community.
- ✓ Continue to reward and recognise volunteers through the Cricket Collective Awards and other recognition opportunities.
- ✓ Grow the Young Leaders in Cricket Programme to train 200 of the game's future leaders each year.
- ✓ Support grounds management at all levels to ensure players have the best possible facilities on which to play.
- ✓ Develop a coherent and structured pathway for umpires and scorers.





# MORE INCLUSION

Making Cricket Truly for Everyone





“ Hello, I’m Grishma Santhosh, Chairperson, Overton Park CC. Last summer, a small group of friends picked up a cricket bat simply for the joy of it. Rooted in the Indian subcontinent, our shared love for the game ran deep, even though we were all complete beginners. What started as simple evening games soon became something far more meaningful, as more women and girls joined us - building confidence, friendships, and a strong sense of belonging through cricket.

We wanted to play more seriously, but most local clubs focused on men’s or youth cricket. Some of us even felt out of place at festivals. Instead of giving up, we decided to create something of our own - an inclusive, welcoming cricket community where women and girls can play, learn, and belong.

When we registered the club, the Surrey Cricket Foundation became our biggest supporter. They guided us through everything - from securing equipment and applying for grants to navigating safeguarding and DBS checks. They connected us with mentors, arranged training courses, and helped us build confidence as players and volunteers.

Finding a home ground wasn’t easy either. But with SCF’s help, Sutton Council allocated Overton Park as our official venue and improved facilities for our girls.

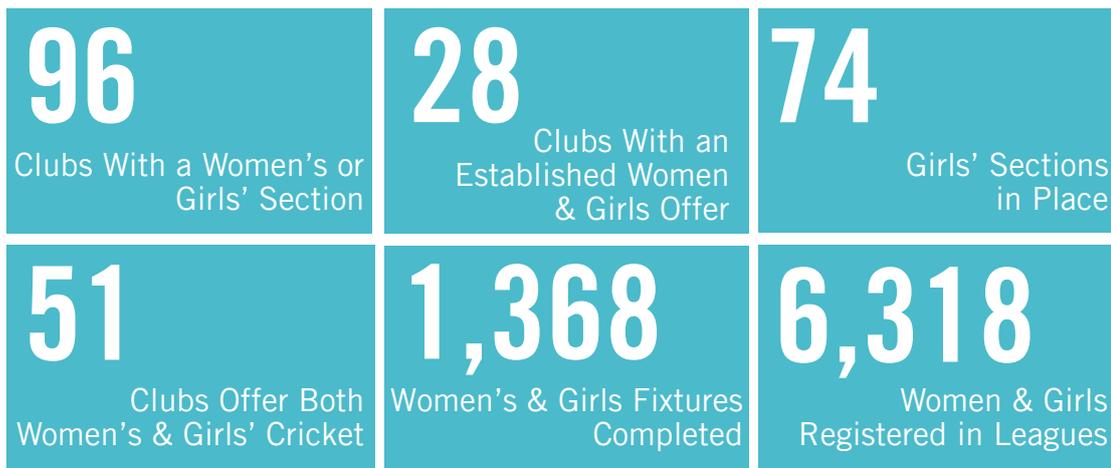
Today, Overton Park CC is more than a cricket club - it’s a community that celebrates diversity, supports mental well-being, and gives women and girls the chance to thrive. We’re proud of what we’ve achieved, and with SCF by our side, we know this is just the beginning. ”

**Grishma’s story demonstrates our commitment to making cricket more inclusive across Surrey and south London. We work to break down barriers so everyone feels welcome in the game. Our inclusion programmes span far and wide - from supporting women and girls through dedicated festivals and leagues, to delivering disability cricket opportunities that empower players of all abilities. We champion cricket in diverse communities, ensuring cultural and social barriers don’t stand in the way of participation. We help clubs create safe, inclusive environments with safeguarding and compliance support, and we train coaches and volunteers to make cricket accessible for all. Because cricket should be a game for everyone, everywhere.**

## MORE WOMEN AND GIRLS CRICKET

2025 saw us make significant strides toward equitable gender access to cricket. Our strategy focuses on expanding both the breadth of opportunities - more clubs offering women's and girls' cricket - and the depth of provision, with fully established club environments that include entry-level offerings, age-group teams, and women's teams. As part of our 2025–28 ambition, we aim **to reach 100 girls' sections and 50 clubs with an established women and girls' offer**, ensuring sustainable growth and a clear pathway for female players at every level.

### Our 2025 Impact:



### Making More Happen 2026–2028:

- ✓ Deliver a full pathway of opportunities and programmes for women and girls in a range of settings, from picking up a bat for the first time to excelling at the sport.
- ✓ Support our clubs to deliver an established playing offer within a club setting.
- ✓ Employ committed resource dedicated to driving new sustainable girls' sections, especially in clubs with existing junior sections.
- ✓ Ensure equal playing opportunities and high-quality competition for women through a comprehensive league and festival playing offer.
- ✓ Work with clubs to embed women's and girls' cricket into the culture of our club network.
- ✓ Actively encourage women who have not grown up playing the game to try cricket.
- ✓ Support the growth of women in the game - coaches, officials and administrators - inspiring them to become changemakers.



## MORE ACCESSIBLE CRICKET

This year we continued our mission to expand our disability cricket programmes, delivering more sessions and creating inclusive opportunities for players of all abilities. These initiatives ensure that cricket is accessible, welcoming, and enjoyable for everyone. Looking ahead, we strive to **expand our disability programmes to reach 2,000 players annually**, building a truly inclusive game that reflects and serves our whole community.

### Our 2025 Impact:

1,435

Participants Reached Across  
All Disability Programmes

6

Disability Champion  
Cricket Clubs

27

Special Needs  
Schools/SEND Departments  
Where Coaching is Delivered

9

Super 1's Hubs

### Making More Happen 2026–2028:

- ✓ Support clubs to expand our network of Disability Champion Clubs to cover all boroughs of Surrey and south London and create genuine communities for participants.
- ✓ Embed all our Super 1s hubs in cricket clubs to allow players to be involved in a club from a young age, providing them with social and community links to last a lifetime.
- ✓ Provide regular entry level cricket sessions across the county through the Lord's Taverners Super 1s programme.
- ✓ Deliver a sustainable disability pathway from Super 1s through S9 to D40 or VI training and matches.
- ✓ Continue to provide a fully funded, completely accessible and inclusive Disability Cricket Programme.
- ✓ Introduce an intra-county Surrey Disability competition structure.
- ✓ Deliver Disability Day annually to celebrate the work we do in disability cricket and encourage new participants.

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Empowering young people through cricket



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## MORE DIVERSITY

Cricket is a game for everyone, and in 2025 we worked to break down barriers so people from all backgrounds could access the sport. Through targeted programmes and partnerships, we created opportunities that celebrated diversity, fostered inclusion, and built lasting community connections. These initiatives introduced cricket to new audiences, strengthened social ties, and promoted a sense of belonging across London and Surrey. As part of our 2025–28 ambition, we aim to **provide a free junior cricket offer in all London boroughs**, ensuring that cost is never a barrier to participation.

### Our 2025 Impact:



### Making More Happen 2026–2028:

- ✓ Focused school delivery on schools with 40% of children receiving free school meals.
- ✓ Continue to deliver Street Stars and Chance to Shine Street to enable free, year-round play from aged 5 to 25.
- ✓ Deliver a competitive Tapeball offer focused on engaging those from Diverse Communities.
- ✓ Engage young black players, to increase their interest in cricket, in partnership with ACE and African Caribbean Cricket Association.
- ✓ Support talent ID & player development through MCC Foundation Hubs and City Cup programmes to give more state school children the chance to progress in the cricketing pathway.
- ✓ Encourage transition into the Surrey Academic Cricket Scholarship (SACS) programme.
- ✓ Support refugee cricket, offering the chance to belong to a community, learn valuable new skills and, often, maintain a love of the game.





# MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO CHANGE LIVES

Using Cricket for Social Good



**Hi, I'm Jess and I play Super 1s and S9 disability Cricket.** Because of my disabilities - ADHD, traits of Autism, and Global Developmental Delay - my brain works a little differently, but cricket has helped me channel my energy and confidence.

It has been a huge part of my life for the last 10 years. When I first joined Super 1s, I was nervous, but straight away I loved it - my first thought was 'Wow!' It was exciting and helped me get out and about. Even though I was one of the only girls at the start, I always felt safe and part of the team.

Super 1s has completely changed my life. The biggest thing it has helped me with is communication. I used to find it really hard to talk to new people, but now I'm so much more confident - my mum says I've gone from the bottom to the top!

Beyond the weekly sessions, I play for the S9 team, which means matches and tournaments, like playing down in Sussex. It's different because I don't know half the people, so it's a great chance to put my new skills into practice. I love teamwork and figuring out tactics, and being vice-captain means I can support others.

I've had amazing experiences, from meeting Prince Edward to learning about other disability cricket in a Vision Impaired session.

The Employability Programme gave me another big boost. The work experience day at The Kia Oval was the best - I loved it! That experience even led to me getting a job as a Match Day Steward at Surrey.

If I had to tell someone about Super 1s, I'd say it's a great way to get into cricket. It has made me more confident, improved my communication, and has been an amazing adventure. ”

**Jess's story shows how cricket can open doors and change lives. We don't just teach the game - we help young people build confidence, develop communication skills, and discover new pathways. Through programmes like Super 1s and the Employability Programme, we empower participants to thrive both on and off the pitch. From weekly sessions to work experience at The Kia Oval, we create opportunities that make a lasting difference.**



#### **Scan to Watch**

Our Employability Programme, in partnership with First Sentier Group, supported a number of young people across 2025

## MORE CRICKET FOR GOOD

Cricket has the power to change lives, and in 2025 we worked to harness that potential. Through programmes promoting wellbeing, education, and social connection, we used the game to support individuals and strengthen communities. Our 2025–28 ambition is to **use cricket to make a positive impact on individual lives**, ensuring the sport is not only played but also transforms lives for the better.

### Our 2025 Impact:

105

Participants Engaged in  
Refugee Cricket Programmes

100+

Volunteers From 50 Clubs  
Attended an Inclusion Workshop

390

Walking Cricket Participants

180%

In the Number of Walking Cricket  
Participants Since 2023

### Making More Happen 2026–2028:

- ✓ Work with SCCC to provide opportunities for local community through work experience and employability schemes.
- ✓ Encourage kids from all over London to integrate and connect & dispelling the myth that children from different areas of London are unable to mix and be friends.
- ✓ Develop a plan to deliver mass adoption of walking cricket within Surrey by 2028.
- ✓ Engaging local communities to help combat isolation and improve mental health through physical activity. Use cricket as a connector of communities and faiths.
- ✓ Deliver cricket through trusted groups like Out4Cricket to Inspire the LGBTQ+ community, who have previously not felt welcomed by the game, to get involved.
- ✓ Widen our support for the refugee community across south London, and helping them integrate into our society.
- ✓ Upskill local community facilitators with qualifications to provide coaching and employment opportunities in cricket.





## MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR NEIGHBOURS

We are privileged to call the Kia Oval home and recognise the unique opportunity to make a positive contribution to our Lambeth community. In 2025, we focused on strengthening connections with local residents, breaking down barriers and fostering social cohesion. Our 2025–28 ambition is to **ensure the residents of Lambeth feel the Kia Oval is part of their community**, creating a welcoming environment and delivering initiatives that benefit the area.

### Our 2025 Impact:



### Making More Happen 2026–2028:

- ✓ Continued delivery of free to access projects such as the Vauxhall & London Loop – connecting children from local communities, as well as across different areas of London.
- ✓ Giving local school children the opportunity to experience and enjoy the outfield of the Kia Oval.
- ✓ Create more spaces for young kids to be active and get moving, attempting to offset the health inequalities in Lambeth.
- ✓ Work with the London Cricket Trust and Lambeth council to improve and regenerate local parks and community spaces, providing more opportunities for people to play cricket in built up urban areas.
- ✓ Support the local community and make the Kia Oval an accessible and inspiring hub for the community.
- ✓ Engage with organisations with specialised knowledge of local communities, to access harder to reach groups in Lambeth and provide help / support.
- ✓ Create a tour programme suitable for local schools to visit The Kia Oval and learn about our history.



## SUPPORT US IN MAKING MORE HAPPEN

The work we do to support and grow the recreational game across Surrey and south London is only possible thanks to the generous support of people like you.

There are many ways to get involved and help us continue *Making More Happen* in our communities, schools, and clubs. A few of these are listed below, but if you'd like to explore further opportunities, please get in touch with our Fundraising and Events Officer.



## SIGN UP TO OUR PRIZE DRAW

Enter our new Monthly Prize Draw and you can support the Surrey Cricket Foundation whilst being in with a chance of winning incredible, money-can't-buy experiences and exclusive Surrey cricket prizes. Draws will take place on the 28th of every month, giving you a regular opportunity to win.



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## MAKE A DONATION

You can make a one off donation or set up a regular donation to the Surrey Cricket Foundation via JustGiving. Scan to visit the JustGiving website.



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## JOIN THE PATRONS' CLUB

Join an engaged group of Surrey Cricket Foundation Supporters by becoming a Patron. Patrons donate £1,000 per year and enjoy many exclusive benefits such as their name on an honours board in the Pavilion, an invite to the annual Patrons' Lunch and the opportunity to collaborate on fundraising efforts. Scan to email our Fundraising and Events Officer to find out more.



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## LEAVE A LEGACY

Did you know you can make a lasting contribution to cricket in the county by making a gift in your will to the Surrey Cricket Foundation? Scan to email our Fundraising and Events Officer to find out more.



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