

2024

Esher Cricket Club

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Annual Report & Accounts 2024

**Notice of AGM and 2025
fixtures**

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SAVE THE DATE

ESHER CC END OF SEASON BALL
Friday 12th September 2025



<u>Club Calendar</u>			
AGM	Thursday 3 April 2025	New Road	7-30 pm
Get Set day 1	Saturday 22 March 2025	New Road	from 9 am
Get Set day 2	Saturday 5 April 2025	New Road	from 9 am
City Lunch	Friday 25 April 2025	London	12 noon
End of season Ball	Friday 12 September 2025	New Road	7-00 pm

President's Report

2024 marks the 50th anniversary of my debut for the Esher 1st X1 when I was a callow sixteen-year-old. I thought members might find it interesting to read my recollections of cricket 50 years ago, how in many ways it has changed, but also stayed much the same.

Esher played in the Surrey Cricketers League in 1974. Many of the traditional fixtures that the club had enjoyed before the formation of the Leagues remained, the Old Paulines (The Old Boys of St. Paul's school) were one such fixture. It was a 2pm start and it was a declaration game.

Esher batted first, and having lost the two openers I found myself coming in at number four, batting with Michael Hooper. Michael was a fantastic club cricketer who played a number of times for Surrey. He destroyed average attacks, although he was always reputed to have a weakness against off spinners. Michael was club captain, and one of Esher's finest ever players. We managed to put on a partnership and both of us scored fifties, funnily enough only five players in the game got into double figures. The other Esher player to do so was Esher Vice-President, Bobby Lowe, who made 12 not out that day, better known for opening the bowling, but a very accomplished all round cricketer.

Esher declared and the Old Paulines were left to chase a score of 188. They had two well-known cricketers, the East brothers, and both scored fifties, Old Paulines eventually falling short in a drawn game, which could have been won by either side, the final score being 180 with nine wickets down.

As I recall my first foray into League cricket, it was most definitely a competitive arena. I'm sure the onset of League cricket in the previous decade had sharpened skills, and teams were keen to win. There was no promotion or relegation, so the upside and downside of results was felt less keenly. At the end of the game, fifteen half pints were carefully pulled and taken out on a tray to the eleven fielders, two batsman, and two umpires. These costs were all borne by the home team, so the match fee covered the cost.

I recall there being generally very good harmony between the players on both sides. Stories were exchanged in the bar, and lots of life lessons learnt by youngsters like me. The Esher dressing room was, as ever, full of some great characters, and I had a good insight into the banter that went on. Umpires were treated very well by both teams, that day we were lucky enough to have Hugh Bennett and Chris Clayton looking after us, really both wonderful people and great characters.

So, the cricket wasn't so different from today, there was a premium on batting second as you didn't need to take ten wickets to win the match, and there were points for winning and losing draws. In my opinion, the greatest change has been in two areas, the quality of the batting and fielding. Today the cricket ball is struck with greater power, you see far more sixes, the pace of the game is quicker, and run totals higher. Bats are better, and people are fitter and stronger. Similarly with fielding, today some club players are quite magnificent fielders and have taken the standard to a different level. We now see true athleticism across most teams, whereas 50 years ago it was not the norm.

As I watched cricket last summer at Esher, I was struck by the excellent team spirit within the teams. It's usually apparent to spectators whether the team is cohesive, and Esher teams certainly looked like they played together harmoniously. There were many individual highlights outlined elsewhere in this annual report, but it was a great achievement winning the Surrey 20/20 competition, the first win for the club at the elite level since 1996. Congratulations to all those who played in all the games, including the final, and let us hope for many more trophies in the future as our treasured club goes from strength to strength. The club is redeveloping the pavilion, and we would like a full trophy cabinet!

The away day at Lords for the Under 15s was also a special day, the first time that an Esher team has played at HQ. Quite something for all the boys, parents and club members.

My very good wishes to all members, thank you for your support, and looking forward to another successful season in 2025.

Andrew Bernard

ESHER CRICKET CLUB-OUR VALUES

Player Development

We are committed to helping players improve. Our experienced coaching team work with aspiring professionals and first timers alike. All levels of development are equally important.

Inclusivity

For over 150 years we have been at the heart of the community. We provide space where people come together around a shared love of cricket. We hope to enrich the lives of all our members and friends. Regardless of ability, gender, age, race, disability, orientation, belief or experience we welcome you.

Respect

We treat everyone with respect. On the field to officials, opposition and teammates, and off the field to everyone we come into contact with.

Enjoyment

We are committed to providing enjoyable cricket and social experiences for people of all ages and to having fun. Fun is what sport is all about.

Integrity

Esher cricketers play hard but fair within the MCC spirit of cricket

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Chairman's Report

Let us start at the end.

Mid-September 2024 and Lords is looking wonderful in the sunshine and Esher has a team playing at the home of cricket for the first time in its long history. A fabulous occasion, a thrill for the players and a proud day for the club, an excuse to wear the Esher blazer! Congratulations, once again, to our U15 side. This was followed by a superb Ball in the evening at New Road orchestrated by John Woollhead and his team to celebrate the season. A brilliant day.

The rest of the season was pretty good too! There was tremendous progress made by the Women and Girls teams with finals being reached, leagues won and many young players improving their cricketing skills. The boys age-groups, as ever, took their fair share of cups this year and of course the U15s had a glorious season. In addition, many younger players contributed to the success of the adult teams.

The President's Day went well as we said thanks and farewell to Will Edwards after his many years as captain of the 1st XI, and we "watched" play-cricket for news of the 1st team winning the T20 Cup, another first for the club.

The volunteers on the Management Committee and in central roles have done a great job to keep the club moving forward. Whether it be improving the facilities, safeguarding, financial control, membership enquiries or fixtures planning, a lot of time, care and attention is given to make sure that the club is run effectively.

There are some standing goals for the club to aim for. I provide an update below.

<u>Goal</u>	<u>Status</u>
To maintain financial stability	This has been achieved in 2024. A lot of work goes into raising funds from the City Lunch, Ball and Sponsorship to make sure the club moves forward.
To maintain premier league status for men's first and second teams and to maintain or improve first division status for men's third eleven.	Achieved. The Surrey Leagues are to change next year, so the goal is for each team to be in the top 4 of each league.
To continue to field men's fourth and fifth teams in the Surrey Championship as this provides a pathway for Young Cricketers.	Achieved.
To develop and strengthen our Ladies section.	This has been a wonderful season for the Ladies with a keen group training and playing in several softball matches with growing success. Well done to Sue Da Vall.
To develop and grow our Girls section.	Good progress has been made in 2024. The older girls played for the Women's 1 st XI in the Surrey league and have reached a Surrey Cup Final. The younger age groups are all making good progress and enjoying the Tuesday

	evening or Sunday morning training sessions. Sid and Matt deserve lots of credit for this, as well as Angus Barrett for leading the girls coaching this year.
To provide increasing opportunities for Young Cricketers (girls and boys) to play in adult cricket.	This continues to be a strength of the club with many of our young cricketers contributing to the senior adult teams this year.
To develop further the practice facilities at New Road	No major developments have taken place this year, but the club has greatly benefitted from the extended nets and the soakaway that was installed to alleviate the flood risk to the grounds after heavy rain.
To work with Imber Court to improve the facility over time.	Irrigation was implemented to the second square at Imber Court, and granite dust was applied during the winter to improve the performance of this square. This has resulted in an excellent surface. The reception area of the clubhouse got a new coat of paint!
To uphold Esher CC values at all times.	Mostly achieved. There are isolated cases where members need to be reminded of the club values, and which are addressed during the season.
To remain fully compliant with Clubmark requirements at all times.	Achieved
To provide support for members/potential members who struggle to fund cricket activities.	This remains a work in progress.
To encourage increasing volunteer involvement in the club.	This remains a work in progress. The club recognises and thanks the many members who volunteer as AGMs, scorers, umpires during the season. New volunteers are required to assist with the work of the Management Committee. Nothing just happens!

In terms of the structure of the Club, a small working party is looking at the potential for changing the structure from an unincorporated association to a limited company with charitable status. Any results from this piece of work will be communicated to members in due course with any change requiring the approval of the membership.

2024 Season

The 2024 season saw some good cricket played at times and on their day the 1st team were a match for anyone. For the first time in the club's history the 1st XI won the Edwards Cup, the Surrey T20 competition. A magnificent crushing display in the semi-final followed by a soft foot over the line in the Final. Good stuff from Rob and the team.

The 1st team were top of the league in the early part of the season, with Teague Wylie scoring big runs and showing why he is such a good prospect (for Australia!). There was a mid-season lull with the side ending up 5th in the Premier Division. Another highlight was being presented with the Fair Play Award, another first.

Teague Wylie, David Brent and Freddie Harrison with centuries, Don Butchart with a 5-for.

The 2nds struggled for consistent availability/selection once again but on their day were an effective force. Enough points were accumulated to ensure 6th place in the league.

Ali Birkby and Nathan Roberts with centuries, Max Wallis a 6-for and Ben Collins, Tom Brown and Tim Clews with 5 wicket hauls.

The 3rd XI had their chance for promotion as 3 teams battled for the second promotion spot. At their best the 3rds obliterated the opposition, but a couple of matches got away which meant they lost ground in the last month to finish a still commendable 4th.

Darren Helwick and Andrew McCallum with centuries, and 5 wicket hauls for Shiv Patel (2), Jack Park (2), Jack Fletcher, Jaanzabe Jamali, and Tom Burnett.

The 4th XI played a dreadful opening match but then found the magic formula as they performed consistently well to challenge at the top of the league, eventually finishing 4th.

Josh Da Vall with a century and Chris Harvey a 5-for.

The 5th XI had a strong finish to the season, bolstered by several Esher youth players and won their division with a match to spare. Congratulations to Gareth Narinesingh who has been a brilliant captain of the 5s for a few years.

Ben Frendo with a century and Agam Singh Dutt a 5-wicket haul.

The Development XI continued to provide a useful springboard from youth to adult cricket, and the U19s won the final of the T20 competition for the fourth time in five years. Wow! There continues to be fantastic opportunities for our young players in the summer holidays with U17, U19 and Trust league matches.

The senior academy girls side had a successful season, playing age group matches and also representing the club in the Ladies Surrey Slam hardball league where they played really well and reached the final.

The junior sides, both boys and girls, have also performed admirably, with more than 800 matches played. The reports of each section provide details of the many talented cricketers we have at the club as well as the tremendous energy and commitment that is provided by the leaders and administrators within each age-group.

Two achievements that are worthy of note are the top run scorer and top wicket taker for the club in 2024. Adam Helwick scored 1,136 runs in 45 innings for Esher and Shiv Patel took 94 wickets in 54 games (and nearly a hatrick at Lords!). Two young players with a bright future.

Highlights for the season included:

- Darren Helwick and Andrew McCallum breaking the Club record partnership with an unbeaten stand of 255 for the 3rd team.

- Martha Garrett taking the extraordinary figures of 7 wickets for 0 runs playing for the Boys U10 team.
- Rachel Helwick taking 5 wickets for 6 runs, including a hat-trick for the U11 Girls.
- The 5th team scoring 387 for 6 and winning by 311 runs.

Congratulations to the following young players:

- Alex French for playing for the England U19s and his selection to the Young Lions Winter training squad.
- Krish Patel for making his first-class debut for Northamptonshire,
- Oliver Hunt for playing for the Surrey 2nd XI

Special Thanks!

The club is very grateful for the time, commitment, and hard work that so many volunteers put into making Esher such a fantastic club. I would like to express my particular thanks to the following:

- Vince Chandler, a deserved winner of the Sam Ryder Award, for his dedication to the club and running of the adult section.
- John Woollhead, for masterminding the Ball, leading projects for the club including the upgrading of the irrigation at Imber Court, sorting out the drainage behind the nets at New Road and obtaining hand dryers in the clubhouse!
- Alisa French for, once again, the superb organisation of the fixtures and pitch allocations throughout the season.
- Rachel Narinesingh for carefully running the safeguarding responsibilities for the club.
- Nouman Hashmi for his hard work as Treasurer for the club, ably supported by Viraj Pillai.
- Carolyn Lenton for maintaining our Spond database and for the excellent administration of the membership for the club, as Membership Secretary.
- Sid Simmons and Matt Price for running and developing the Girls cricket section.
- Sue Da Vall for motoring forward with the Ladies section, getting the team together and playing in a number of festivals.
- Glenn Harrison for his role in organising the U19 and Trust league teams.
- Geoff Ellis for the superb masterminding of the City Lunch, a great start to the season.
- The Ball team, Dan and Charlotte Taylor, Vince and Helena Chandler together with John Woollhead for organising a tremendously enjoyable and successful end of season Ball.
- AGMs, umpires, scorers for keeping all the age groups running smoothly.
- Captains Rob Honeybul, Ali Birkby, Dan Dickenson, John Woollhead, Gareth Narinesingh and Tim Lenton for their leadership and inspiration.
- And finally, Duncan and Lek for their hard work, coaching, organising excellent young cricketer tournaments and superb Saturday evening dinners! A lot really does go on behind the scenes to make sure that we can all enjoy our cricket, thank you.

Finance

We continue to manage Club funds responsibly and rely on fundraising events to move the club forward. It is not easy to balance the books at cricket clubs, therefore thanks to all those members who support the events held during the year and take advantage of the member rates at the bar. Note that the City Lunch this year is set for Friday 25th April 2025.

Members will also be aware that we are planning to refurbish the clubhouse if we are able to raise funding via a Loan Note Scheme.

This year we are grateful to our sponsors Curchods, Dawsons Auctioneers, NFU Mutual, The F.I.T Partnership, Rowan Preparatory School, Kingston Grammar School, Milbourne Lodge, Shrewsbury House, Parkside, and Danes Hill School.

Final Comments

Finally, I would like to wish the captains for 2025, Rob Honeybul, Ali Birkby, Angus Barrett, John Woollhead, Gareth Narinesingh and Tim Lenton and all our cricketers the best of luck for the 2025 season as we get ready for the new Surrey Cricket Championship.

The AGM will be held on Thursday 3 April 2025 at 7.30pm in the Clubhouse. The formal notice is on page 65 of this report. You are more than welcome to attend. An open question and answer session will be held at the conclusion of formal business to respond to any questions relating to the club.

Neil McCallum

“Putting the fun into Cricket!”



1st XI captain, Rob Honeybul, with the Edwards Cup



END OF SEASON BALL

FRIDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2025

7PM - 12:30AM

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2024 Achievements

Adult cricket

Leading League run scorers			
Teague Wyllie	630 @ 63.00	Josh Da Vall	421 @ 70.17
David Brent	598 @ 74.75	Ali Birkby	384 @ 29.54
Darren Helwick	526 @ 47.82	Andrew McCallum	379 @ 42.11
Leading League wicket takers			
Shiv Patel	31 @ 12.39	Don Butchart	23 @ 20.96
Joe Lavender	30 @ 18.17	Max Wallis	22 @ 23.82
Jack Park	26 @ 10.62	Dan Taylor	20 @ 20.35
League positions			
1 st XI	5th	4 th XI	4th
2 nd XI	6th	5 th XI	1st
3 rd XI	4th		
League Hundreds			
Teague Wyllie V Wimbledon 1 st XI		148	
Josh Da Vall V Chertsey 3 rd XI		133	
Darren Helwick V Sinjungrammarians 3 rd XI		128*	
Nathan Roberts V Ashtead 2nd XI		123	
Fred Harrison V Guildford 1 st XI		114*	
Andrew McCallum V Sinjungrammarians 3 rd XI		111*	
David Brent V Weybridge 1 st XI		111*	
Ben Frendo V Chessington 4 th XI		111*	
Ali Birkby 100 V Normandy 2 nd XI		100	
League 6 wickets			
Max Wallis V Normandy 2 nd XI		6-30	
Senior player awards			
1 st XI player of the year	David Brent	4 th XI player of the year	Joe Inch
2 nd XI player of the year	Max Wallis	5 th XI player of the year	Ben Frendo
3 rd XI player of the year	Shiv Patel		
Young Cricketer (boys) League and cup results			
Under 10		Under 11	
Tier 2 North Central league winners		T1 North Winners	
Central region Cup winners		U11 Surrey County Cup Winners	
		T1 East Runners up	
Under 12		Under 13	
T1 West winners		Tier 1 West Winners	
T1 West runners up		Tier 2 North West Winners	

T1 Sunday West Winners	
T2 North West Winners	Under 14
T3 West Winners	Tier 1 West Winners
Under 15	Under 19
Tier 1 Sunday 30 Over League Winners	Surrey cup winners
ECB 20-Over Surrey Cup Winners	
ECB Regional 20 Over Cup Winners	
ECB Vitality National 20 Over Cup Runners-Up	
<u>Young Cricketer (girls) League and cup results</u>	
Under 9	Under 10-11
League Runners up - U9 Smash IT West	League Runners up - U10-11 Tier 2 Central
	League Winners - U10-11 Tier 2 North West
Under 12	Under 13
<u>League Winners - U12 Tier 1A</u>	League Runners up - U13 Tier 1 West
Under 15	Womens
Finalist U15 Hundred Cup	Finalist Women's Plate
	Finalist 2024 Surrey Women's League Cup (yet to be played. Scheduled May 2025)

Young Cricketer Representative Cricket – Boys in 2024

<u>Young lions/England U19</u>	<u>Surrey 2nd XI</u>	<u>Surrey Academy /U18s</u>	<u>Surrey Academy /U18s</u>
Alex French	Krish Patel	Alex Chambers	Max Wallis
	Alex French	Alex French	George Baldwin (Hants)
<u>First Class</u>	Ollie Hunt	Krish Patel	Freddie Price (Sussex)
Krish Patel (Northants)		Ollie Hunt	
<u>Surrey U16 CAG</u>	<u>Surrey U15 CAG</u>	<u>Surrey U15 Performance</u>	<u>Surrey U14 CAG</u>
Fergus de Mestre	Adam Helwick	Shiv Patel	Max Chambers
	Ben French		Orson Jones
			Zach Perkins
			Josh Wiles
			Ahdritdev Baghel (Berkshire)
<u>Surrey U14 Performance</u>	<u>Surrey U13 CAG</u>	<u>Surrey U13 performance</u>	<u>Surrey U12 CAG</u>
Kunsh Khanna	Barney Ashton	Harry Harding	
	Marley Gould	Joe Inch	
	Sam Hawkins	James Siveyer	
	Tom Hooke		

<u>Surrey U12 performance</u>	<u>Surrey U11 Performance</u>	<u>Surrey U10 performance</u>	<u>Surrey U10 (cont)</u>
George Garrett	Aariz Awan	Noah Hopkinson	Charlie Walton
Fletcher McHarg	Alex Hawkins	Charlie Thompson	Charlie Hebburn
Finley Morrison	Ben McClintock	Marcus Cottonets	Xander Milton
	Daniel Sealy	Rajveer Behniwal	Rafferty Guest
	Dylan Narinesingh	Monty Calder	Joseph Crowley
	Ethan Saunders	Nayan Desai	Rory Frost-Chesters
	George Bain	Ryan Arora	Toby Morgan
	Harry Dilkes		
	Woody Guest		
	Tom Hugall (Sussex)		

Young Cricketer Representative Cricket-Girls in 2024

<u>Surrey U18 Performance</u>	<u>Surrey U16 Performance</u>	<u>Surrey U14 Performance</u>	<u>Surrey U13 Performance</u>
Emilia Pitts	Anna Goodsman	Sonali Garcha,	Zara Iqbal
<u>Sussex U18 Performance</u>		Hannah Price	
Saskia Simmons		Violet Davatzis	
Raphie White			



The U15s celebrate after winning the Regional Final—what joy!

Sam Ryder award

This award is presented to the person who has made a contribution to the life of the club far beyond the norm. In 2024 there is a very worthy recipient of this award.

Vince Chandler

Vince has been a member of the club for over 20 years and on the Management Committee for as long as I can remember. Vince only has the best interests of the club in mind and to a large extent sets the “tone” for the club.

As well as arranging lunches to raise funds for the club for many years Vince also helps with the various ad hoc volunteer jobs that arise—including the pre-season cleaning of the pavilion at Imber Court, organising the Ball etc.

For several years Vince has overseen the adult playing section and has been a keen advocate for the improving cricket standards at the club. This hard work is clearly paying off.

As an example of his commitment to the club this year Vince stepped in to lead adult team selection at short notice.

Vince is an extraordinary supporter of Esher Cricket Club; a magnificent volunteer and he knows quite a lot about cricket as well!



Previous winners

2016	Sam Ryder	2021	Carolyn Lenton
2017	John Woolhead	2022	Geoff Ellis
2018	Henry Witten	2023	Will Edwards
2019	Duncan Pauline	2023	Chris Burton
2020	Matt Sabben-Clare	2023	Alisa French

Treasurer Report

Executive Summary

The financial year has been one of both challenges and progress for Esher Cricket Club. Despite fluctuations in income sources, we have maintained a strong financial position. Membership fees remain a key revenue stream, supplemented by event income, sponsorships, and other revenue-generating activities. Careful expense management has helped sustain the club's operational efficiency, ensuring financial stability for the upcoming year.

Income Breakdown:

The club's total income was primarily driven by membership fees, contributing significantly to overall revenue. Membership income remained stable compared to the previous year, with a slight increase in adult and senior academy memberships. Event income, including tournaments and fundraising activities, provided additional revenue, though certain events underperformed compared to expectations. Sponsorship income showed a modest increase, reinforcing the club's ability to attract external support. Rental income from ground and facility hires also provided a steady source of revenue.

Expenses Breakdown:

Key expenses for the year included coaching fees, ground maintenance, and match-related costs. While coaching costs remained within a reasonable range, facility-related expenses, including pitch hire and maintenance, saw a marginal increase. Additionally, operational expenses, such as administrative costs and utilities, were closely monitored to ensure budget adherence. Notably, bar and event-related expenditures fluctuated in line with the revenue generated, demonstrating a balanced approach to expenditure management.

Financial Stability:

The club remains in a strong financial position. Surplus funds have been strategically allocated to essential maintenance and improvement projects to enhance club facilities. This included the extension of the irrigation to the square at Imber Court. Effective cost control measures have ensured that we continue operating efficiently without compromising on the quality of our offerings. Moving forward, we will focus on improving our revenue streams, such as increasing the rental income from ground and facility hire while keeping operational costs at an optimal level.

Financial Comparison: Current Year vs. Last Year

While total income slightly increased due to higher sponsorship and course revenue together with higher fundraising event income, total expenses decreased across most of the club operations. It is notable that the excess income before depreciation, tax and exceptional items was £20k in the year compared to a small loss in 2023.

Exceptional items are lower in 2024 as donations and grants for the new nets had a positive impact in 2023. Financial reserves remain strong. Moving forward, strategic cost management and increased focus on sponsorship opportunities will be key priorities for the club's continued growth.

Future Financial Strategy and Tax Considerations

As part of our ongoing financial strategy, Esher Cricket Club is in the process of incorporating into a charitable organisation limited by guarantee, subject to the approval of the members. This transition will involve transferring all assets and liabilities, to the new charity structure, allowing the club to benefit from tax exemptions and donor reliefs. Additionally, a wholly owned trading subsidiary will be established to manage non-charitable activities such as bar sales and sponsorships, ensuring compliance with VAT and direct tax regulations.

By forming a VAT group, we aim to reduce administrative burdens and optimise VAT recovery on overhead costs. Membership fees and coaching sessions will remain VAT-exempt, while fundraising income will continue to benefit from exemptions. This structural change will strengthen our financial standing and improve long-term sustainability while ensuring compliance with regulatory requirements. Further reviews will be conducted to fine-tune our approach as the transition progresses.

Conclusion:

Esher Cricket Club remains financially resilient despite some income fluctuations. Prudent financial management and strategic planning will ensure the club continues to thrive in the coming years. We appreciate the continued support from our members, sponsors, and partners, who play a crucial role in maintaining our club's financial health and long-term success.

Nouman Hashmi
Hon. Treasurer
4 March 2025

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Annual Accounts 2024

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ending 30 September 2024

	2024	2023 restated	2023
	£		£
Income			
Subscriptions and match fees	168,481	168,555	168,555
Sponsorship	21,700	16,080	16,080
Fundraising and functions (note 1)	32,484	28,490	28,490
Bar (note 1)	6,169	5,669	2,690
Courses and tournaments (note 1)	39,233	33,478	27,165
Rent	15,949	16,368	16,368
Playgroup income	30,267	30,000	30,000
Other Income (note 2)	4,836	10,673	11,623
Total Income	319,119	309,313	300,971
Expenditure			
Ground and Pavilion	124,685	136,269	136,269
Staff and player cost (note 2)	55,905	59,980	40,501
Coaching and equipment cost	49,284	51,233	61,420
Administration	46,245	38,131	38,131
Playgroup cost	22,803	25,990	25,990
Total Expenditure	298,921	311,603	302,311
Excess/(deficit) before Depreciation, Exceptional items and tax	20,198	(2,290)	(1,340)
Depreciation (note 3)	47,720	43,189	43,189
Excess/(deficit) before Exceptional items and tax	(27,522)	(45,479)	(44,529)
Exceptional items			
Government and sporting body grants	13,042	23,500	23,500
Donations - General	10,542	950	
Donations – Nets 2023 (note 2)		30,367	30,367
Insurance claim		2,240	2,240
Total Exceptional Items	23,583	57,057	56,107
Excess/(deficit) before tax	(3,939)	11,577	11,577
Taxation	1,418	762	762
Net Excess/ (Deficit)	(5,357)	10,815	10,815

Balance Sheet at 30 September 2024

	Cost £	Depreciation £	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed Assets				
Freehold Ground (note 4)	2,750	-	2,750	2,750
Pavilion	435,754	165,659	270,095	278,810
Car park and Pavilion surrounds	67,539	63,484	4,055	7,432
Nets, outside machinery and scoreboard	288,467	153,466	135,000	162,728
Pavilion equipment	53,981	53,906	75	254
Patio, fence and sheds	96,434	40,784	55,650	42,994
Kitchen and bar furniture	26,576	25,065	1,510	2,310
			<u>469,135</u>	<u>497,278</u>
Current Assets				
Stock			1,716	1,659
Trade debtors			13,132	9,355
Other debtors and prepayments			4,124	22,194
Cash at bank			57,006	6,768
			<u>75,978</u>	<u>39,976</u>
Current Liabilities				
Creditors and provisions			57,476	64,917
Unsecured loans payable within 1 year			40,000	20,000
Taxation			1,418	762
			<u>98,894</u>	<u>85,679</u>
Net current assets (liabilities)			<u>(22,916)</u>	<u>(45,703)</u>
Net asset value (excluding enhanced value of Freehold Land (note 4))			<u>446,219</u>	<u>451,575</u>
Represented by				
General Fund			<u>446,219</u>	<u>451,575</u>

Approved by the Management Committee on 4 March 2025 and signed on its behalf by

Neil McCallum ACA

Nouman Hashmi FCCA

Funds Flow and notes to the accounts for year ended 30 September 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash generated from operating activities		
General	(5,357)	10,815
Depreciation	47,720	43,189
Cash inflow from operating activities	42,363	54,004
Movement in working capital		
(increase)/decrease in Stock	(57)	426
(increase)/decrease in Debtors	14,293	(18,951)
increase/(decrease) in Creditors	(6,785)	32,148
Total changes in working capital	7,451	12,552
Capital Expenditure	(19,576)	(140,317)
Operating Cashflow	30,238	(73,760)
Financing		
Loan	20,000	
Total Financing	20,000	
Increase / (decrease) in cash	50,238	(73,760)

Notes to the Accounts

1. Income

Income lines for Fundraising and Functions, Bar and Courses are shown net of costs. All other income lines are shown gross.

2. Changes to the presentation of information within The Income and Expenditure account.

The allocation of certain costs and income has been simplified this year and to be consistent we have amended the 2023 comparative figures as follows:

- Bar Income from £2,690 to £5,669
- Courses and Tournaments Income from £27,165 to £33,478
- Staff and Player cost from £40,501 to £59,980
- Coaching and Equipment cost from £61,420 to £51,233
- Other Income from £11,623 to £10,673
- General Donations from 0 to £950

3. Depreciation

Depreciation has been charged as follows.

- Pavilion over 50 years
- Car park and pavilion surrounds over 20 years
- All other equipment over 10 years
- Kitchen, bar furniture and software over 5 years

4 Net Asset Value

The Club is sole beneficiary of a trust arrangement which holds legal title to the grounds at 47 New Road, Esher, Surrey KT10 9NU.

The Club has exclusive right of use of the grounds, and the Management Committee are of the opinion that recognition of these rights in the Club's balance sheet is reasonable; this is described as Freehold Ground and is stated at its historical cost from 1935 when the original trust was settled. The current trust is by way of two companies (limited by Guarantee) which act as trustee of the grounds.

The Club applies the historical cost principle in its accounting and reporting, and accordingly, does not revalue its assets and liabilities.

Independent Examiner's statement on the accounts

Report to the Management Committee and members of Esher Cricket Club (the Club) on the accounts for the year ended 30 September 2024 set out on the previous pages.

Respective Responsibilities of the Management Committee and the Independent Examiner

The Management Committee is responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Management Committee considers that an independent examination is needed in accordance with the Club rules. As the independent examiner, it is my responsibility to

- Examine the accounts: and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiners Statement

An independent Examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Club and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the Management Committee concerning such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiners Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention:

1. which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- To keep accounting records;
- To prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met.

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Aileen Woollhead

Relevant Professional qualification ACA

4 March 2025

Safeguarding Report

2024 was another fantastic season for Esher Cricket Club, and we're proud to share that we've **retained our Clubmark status!** This ECB accreditation is a big deal—it confirms that we're a well-run, sustainable club that provides a safe, inclusive, and enjoyable environment for all our members. It also ensures we can continue competing in the leagues and cups we love. A huge well done to everyone who makes this possible!

Keeping Our Club Safe

Over the season, a few safeguarding concerns were raised, and I'm pleased to say that in every case, we were able to resolve them successfully. I want to thank everyone—players, parents, and volunteers—for their openness and commitment to our club's values. Your support is what makes Esher CC such a great place to play cricket.

Want to Learn More About Safeguarding?

The ECB offers a free, [30-minute safeguarding training session](#) that's open to everyone. This quick and accessible course covers:

- ✓ How to create a safe cricket environment
- ✓ Recognizing signs of abuse
- ✓ What to do if you have concerns or if someone approaches you with a concern

It's available on laptops, tablets, and phones—so you can complete it whenever it suits you.

Looking Ahead

The ECB has also carried out a safeguarding review across the game, resulting in an updated strategy aimed at making sure everyone feels confident raising concerns when needed. If you'd like to learn more or read the report, just drop me a message.

With **1,200 members**, safeguarding is a big focus for our club. Sarah Douglas has kindly responded to our ask for help and is joining me on the safeguarding team for next season. Thaks Sarah!

Please take a moment to **familiarize yourself with our [Code of Conduct](#)**, and if you ever have any questions, concerns, or just want a chat, Sarah and I are always happy to help.

Let's keep Esher CC a safe, welcoming place for everyone to enjoy their cricket!

Rachel Narinesingh



ESHER ICC

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1st XI report and averages

Season 2024 was kicked off with a strong win to start the season at Sutton, followed up with an incredible performance at home against Wimbledon. Against a star-studded Wimbledon lineup, thanks to a destructive 148 from overseas pro Teague Wyllie the 1st team managed to make a very strong 293. With a disciplined bowling performance, we managed to get off the mark with a decisive win at New Road. Cricket is a cruel mistress though and we were quickly brought back to reality away against Reigate, before closing out the white ball cricket with another great win at home against a strong Ashtead outfit.

As the weather got slightly warmer, the points on offer got bigger and the ball changed color, we started to lose our winning momentum. We failed to chase a low total at Banstead, got outplayed at East Molesey, and failed to bowl out a struggling Weybridge side after a destructive first innings performance, we were slowly dropping down the table into third place.

However, our spirits remained high, as our performances in the T20 competition had been exceptional. A sensational performance away to the national T20 champions Wimbledon managed to see us through to finals day, mostly thanks to a wonderful exhibition of finishing batting by young Oliver Hunt. Finals day was an exceptional display of skill, as Teague Wyllie, David Brent and Don Butchart demolished a seasoned Sunbury attack, taking us to an unbelievable 262. This was comfortably enough to take us through to the final against Reigate, and after another closing performance by Oliver Hunt, we managed to secure the Edwards cup for the first time in Esher CC history.

As July drew to a close, we entered an inflection point of the league season. If we were able to finish out the red ball cricket with a couple of strong wins, we would be able to climb the ladder and really challenge for the Surrey Premiership. Sadly at home we faced top of the table Reigate, and failed to chase a low total after a strong bowling performance. Following this, we traveled to Ashtead and were again unable to chase a low total. The narrative for the season was slowly starting to turn against us.

Heading out to Guildford the pressure was on. Starting to consider the possibility of relegation we reached a deflating 7-87. But thankfully due to one of the best innings we've probably ever seen in an Esher shirt, Fred Harrison powered his way to a hundred and we had a strong total to defend. This was backed up by a fantastic bowling performance from Joe Lavender, and Esher managed to leave Woodbridge Road with a win.

As I reflect on the season, I think there's no doubt we didn't meet our potential. We had great contributions from our new faces, in Joe Lavender who was outstanding week in week out, Don Butchart who showed brilliance across all three formats, and of course Teague who I think we can all agree had an incredible season across all formats and we were very lucky to have. And our vice-captain David Brent, who whatever the situation of the game, whether we were in the field or with the bat was unwaveringly brilliant. We also had some fantastic young cricketers come through the side, including Oliver Hunt, Alex Chambers, George Baldwin and Fred Price. No doubt names who will play massive roles moving into the future for Esher CC.

As I look forward to 2025, I see a very bright future ahead. The strength of the group and club is incredibly exciting, and preserving the positive momentum of this season will lead to a lucrative next phase for this group of players.

1st XI player of the Season

We all know the impact Teague Wylie had on the 1st X1 this year. From an incredible 148 against Wimbledon in the white ball, to an incredible hundred in the T20 semi-final against Sunbury, I think over the summer Teague convinced all of us the next time we see him might be in whites at Lords.

But given the season Teague had, for him not to take home the player of the season means that somebody else has had an incredible year. Just about every time the side needed him, with the bat, with the ball, and in the field, David Brent was simply outstanding. Averaging 55.5 with the bat with 7 50s and an incredible hundred away against Weybridge, 18 wickets with a best of 4/19, the player of the season is vice-captain David Brent.



The 1st XI seems quite happy to have won the T20 Edwards Cup, for the first time in Esher's history.

1st XI batting averages 2024

Qualification 4 matches

Name	Games	Inns	Not Out	Runs	High Score	Average
David Brent	15	13	5	598	111	74.75
Teague Wyllie	11	11	1	630	148	63.00
Freddie Harrison	6	6	2	156	114	39.00
Sheridon Gumbs	10	10	0	372	87	37.20
Freddie Price	4	4	1	101	74	33.67
Justin Broad	5	5	0	167	55	33.40
William Tavare	5	4	0	124	75	31.00
Don Butchart	15	14	2	362	62	30.17
Nic Smit	9	9	1	149	48	18.63
Oliver Hunt	4	4	0	64	37	16.00
Joe Lavender	15	7	4	38	13	12.67
Ben Townsend	15	9	2	74	17	10.57
William Means	11	5	1	39	31	9.75
Anosh Malik	8	8	1	59	19	8.43
Krish Patel	8	8	0	64	25	8.00
Robert Honeybul	14	10	3	31	11	4.43
Dan Taylor	8	3	3	1	1	

Also played

3 Matches	Alex Chambers	Andrew McCallum	
2 Matches	Matt Macpherson	George Baldwin	Max Wallis
1 Match	William Edwards		

1st XI bowling averages 2024

Qualification 5 Wickets

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Joe Lavender	149.3	23	545	30	18.17
Don Butchart	125.1	18	482	23	20.96
David Brent	81.3	8	312	13	24.00
Ben Townsend	124.4	19	455	13	35.00
Dan Taylor	61	9	226	12	18.83
Freddie Harrison	58	5	215	8	26.88
Nic Smit	29	1	155	7	22.14
William Means	44	5	193	7	27.57
Alex Chambers	13	1	44	5	8.8

2nd XI report and averages

After a strong start, the 2nd XI had a mixed season, with glimpses of league winning form buried among a few disappointing losses. After winning 4 of the first 7 games, including memorable wins over Normandy, Guildford, Valley End and Ashted, the team entered the back half eyeing league success. However, losing 4 of the last 5 games saw the team finish in 6th position.

In May and June, there were some excellent individual performances which took us home in close fought games. Max Wallis took 6 wickets against Normandy to win a low-scoring opening game. Nathan Roberts similarly led from the front at Ashted with a top-class century (after being dropped on 0). Ben Collins spun Esher to victory against Valley End, taking 5 wickets – which set the scene for Joe De La Fuente to take the final wicket in the last over. Tom Brown took 5 wickets against Guildford to set up a nail-biting, successful run chase, in another low-scoring game.

The second half of the season was underpinned by growing inconsistency, with disappointing losses against Valley End, Molesey, Sunbury & Dulwich, which all lacked the individual performances which had been present earlier in the season. More positively, the latter part of the season did include the emergence of the young crop of talent, with Freddie Price, Oli Hunt and Alex Chambers, showing their class to top the batting averages.

Overall, Max Wallis, Ben Collins and Tom Brown ended the season with over 20 wickets, while Ali Birkby & Nathan Roberts ended the season with >400 league runs. Notably, after showing signs of being the new Garry Sobers in the first half of the season, Joe De La Fuente's mid-season excursion to Canada disrupted his rhythm, and his form dipped on return in July/August. Special mentions to Mark Holliday who mastered the dual role of scorer and statistician, and Joe – Esher's well-known leading umpire. We look forward to next season, with another year of experience under our belts.

2nd XI player of the season

For the second year in succession, Max Wallis took home the player of the season award. Both his wickets, and great attitude throughout the season, made him the obvious pick yet again. He ended the season with 22 wickets at 22 apiece, and his 6-30 against Normandy will live long in the memory. Well done Waldo!



2nd XI batting averages 2024

Qualification 4 matches

Name	Matches	Innings	Not Out	Runs	High score	Average
Alex Chambers	4	4	2	179	96	89.50
Anosh Malik	4	4	0	174	60	43.50
Oliver Hunt	4	4	0	163	59	40.75
Freddie Price	5	5	0	197	72	39.40
Joe De La Fuente	10	9	1	239	76	29.88
Ali Birkby	14	14	1	384	100	29.54
Nathan Roberts	12	12	0	349	123	29.08
Andrew McCallum	8	7	1	171	46	28.50
George Baldwin	6	6	1	103	66	20.60
Tim Clews	5	5	0	98	49	19.60
Archie Stroud	7	7	1	116	46	19.33
Darren Helwick	5	5	0	90	44	18.00
Mark Hopkinson	8	8	0	135	50	16.88
Matt Macpherson	10	8	2	93	34	15.50
Jack Fletcher	4	3	1	17	14	8.50
Tom Brown	12	9	3	50	15	8.33
Max Wallis	14	10	1	65	14	7.22
Ben Collins	12	7	3	25	8	6.25
Arthur Mills	4	4	0	16	7	4.00
Dan Taylor	6	3	3	1	1	

Also played

3 Matches	Adam Helwick	Max Simpson	
2 Matches	William Means	Joe Moss	William Edwards
1 Match	Rohan Gupta	Ayan Sohail	Angus Barrett
	Jack Park	Nick Winder	

2nd XI bowling averages 2024

Qualification 5 wickets

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Max Wallis	111.1	11	482	22	21.91
Ben Collins	100.5	10	441	18	24.50
Tom Brown	73.40	11	276	17	16.24
Joe De La Fuente	91.1	12	370	12	30.83
Dan Taylor	53.1	5	181	8	22.63
Jack Fletcher	42	6	195	7	27.86

3rd XI report and averages

The 2024 season was a strange one, we were well up there in the title winning positions but losing crucial games and a bit of rain effectively ended our charge. Usually, the end of the season when all the talented youngsters come back is our most profitable, but that didn't manifest itself this year. But that's cricket.

We won 4 out of our 5 opening games, losing to a decent Malden Wanderers side, so were well placed at second in the first 3rd of the season. Unfortunately, our selection pool was sparse for the crunch match for top of the table Banstead, who we had beaten in one of our two warm up matches convincingly.

That was not the case this time and we were comprehensively slain with Banstead reaching 187 for no wicket, a humbling defeat.

We then had a nailbiter with Old Ruts, the spin twins extraordinaire of Parky and Shiv Patel bowled them out for 79, surely, we could win this? We did, but 9 down...thanks to young Ayan Sohail hitting the winning runs.

Rain called off our Sutton match, which was annoying as Banstead our closest rivals managed to get a game, how I don't know, they must have taken a leaf out of EMCC book...

Beddington are the whipping boys of the league, I'm not sure they ever got over 100 in any match, so when we bowled them out for 77- thanks to 14-year-old Orson Jones, and the brilliant Park n Patel bamboozle brigade...more about them later. We decided we really wanted to get home for lunch and watch the 2's ...send in Winder and Adam Helwick, son of the great Darren Helwick.... C Winder 65 off 35, Helwick junior 9 off 34...you can see the aggressor there. A 2-hour match.

We won the next v Wimbledon but was a nailbiter again...thinking that 121 was not really a competitive score, we bowled them out for 102, a combination of Jack Fletcher and yes you know it Park n Patel...this is getting nauseous!

Then comes some of the worst captaincy in the history of Esher v Malden Wanderers at their junior size cricket pitch he decided to stick them into bat! They reached 306 of 54, clearly knowing our firepower. Sadly, our said firepower was more Christmas indoor firework, and we got rolled for 141. Blame the captain!

We drew the next game v Dulwich, just not having enough to bowl them out frustratingly. The following two matches we scored over 600 runs, with Darren Helwick and Andy Mac, combining to devastating effect to destroy Sunbury. Darren reaching 88 off 112 and Andy "Hold it back" McCallum hitting 71 off 56.

The next match was even better, we fortunately had the pleasure bestowed on us of a certain Mark Hopkinson, who got a very stylish 50. Josh Da Vall unfortunately perished on 46 but the two destroyers of Sunbury spanked Old Sinjuns to all parts, 128 red from Darren Helwick and 111 red from Andy Mac, a more sedate innings...they renamed themselves "Very Old Sinjuns" after that innings.'

Rain cancelled the crucial match v Banstead, much to Banstead's joy, as we had a gun team that day and would have comfortably spanked them. This kept us in second but only just.

This left the last two matches to get as far up the league as possible, and at 3rd we were well poised...somehow, we managed to not win the last two, v Old Ruts and Sutton. No reason, just let them get away with a few too many runs and we didn't engage partnerships well enough, but that as they say is cricket...

We end up 4th for the 2024 season. Played 18, Won 11, Lost 5 Rain 2

Some mentions...

Darren Helwick (455 runs) the run machine is always consistent and has proven he can bat 2's in the Prem and comfortably in the 3's, thank you amigo.

Parky who is also a consistent wicket taker, batter and nice bloke, well done on all three accolades. Finally, Charlie Winder for skipping the back half of the season and proving that a young athletic talent is far superior to a 52-year-old has been.

Thank you team it's been a blast.

3rd XI player of the season

A special mention to a young lad in Shiv Patel, he's 14 and was the highest wicket taker in the club, but for the 3's he finished with 30 wickets (highest) and a best of 5/10. Well done Shiv you are a fine prospect not just in your talent, but the whole way you go about cricket, even when selected for a lower team you got on with it and proved yourself straight back into the 3's again...a fabulous example.

3rd XI batting averages 2024

Qualification 4 matches

Name	Matches	Innings	Not Out	Runs	High score	Average
Darren Helwick	8	8	2	436	128*	72.67
Mark Hopkinson	4	4	0	205	86	51.25
Josh Da Vall	4	4	9	170	69	42.50
Jack Fletcher	6	3	1	71	54	35.50
Charlie Winder	11	10	1	296	76	32.89
Max Simpson	7	6	3	93	34	31.00
Ollie Hamilton	8	7	3	121	41	30.25
Jack Park	9	6	1	129	52	25.80
Thomas Chandler	8	7	0	151	73	21.57
Angus Barrett	12	10	1	177	45*	19.66
Aayan Shabbir	4	3	1	36	25	18.00
Sheharyar Parhaar	9	9	1	104	40	13.00
Adam Helwick	7	7	1	69	31	11.50
Dan Dickenson	8	6	0	40	24	6.67
Joe Moss	5	4	0	10	4	2.50
Max Dunn	4	2	0	3	2	1.50
Jaanzabe Jamali	5	2	0	1	1	0.50
Ayan Sohail	4	3	3	13	5*	

Also played.

3 Matches	Ollie John	Tim Clews	Tom Burnett
	Chris Parrish		
2 Matches	Andrew McCallum	George Baldwin	Arthur Mills
	Tom Pitts	Rohan Gupta	Nick Winder
	Sachin Patel	Ram Kolanu	Charlie Green
1 Match	Muhammed Malik	Will Heslop	James Fisher
	Fergus De Mestre	Kashif Hussain	Arjun Tahlilani
	Jonathan Sturges	Kunsh Khanna	

3rd XI bowling averages 2024

Qualification 5 wickets

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Shiv Patel	95	17	394	30	13.13
Jack Park	80.1	9	263	24	10.96
Max Simpson	45.2	5	163	12	13.58
Jack Fletcher	49	6	164	9	18.22
Tom Chandler	24.3	1	126	8	15.75
Jaanzabe Jamali	36.5	5	110	8	13.75
Oli Hamilton	60	9	257	8	32.13
Sheharyar Parhaar	41	8	144	7	20.57
Ayan Sohail	27.2	6	91	6	15.17
Tom Burnett	14.1	0	63	5	12.6

4th XI report and averages

A final league position of 4th was probably a fair reflection of the season, but it could have been so much better. A thumping loss to Epsom in game 1 was followed by 8 wins in the next 10 games putting us right in contention for the title. However, and unusually for Esher, our form fell away in the later part of the season not helped by two rained off games against bottom side Kempton and a very inconvenient heavy shower putting an end to our run chase, when well on top, against league leaders Valley End. Injuries to 5 regular members of the team was unhelpful in depriving the team of its early season backbone.

In all honesty we didn't bat well enough. Leading run scorers were U14 Kunsh Khanna ([191 @ 31.83](#)), John Woolthead (163 @ 20.37), Sachin Patel (160 @ 53.33) and Tim Clews 160 @ 53.33). The standout innings of the season was Josh Da Vall 133 against Chertsey, thereafter only 6 other scores in excess of 50 were made. I am sure collectively the regular members of the team would agree that the end of term report is 'could do better'

The bowling stood up to scrutiny with the mainstay bowlers Tom Burnett (14 wickets @16.64), Chris Harvey (14 @ 27.64), Chris Parrish (11 @ 18.45) and U13 Joe Inch (10 @ 20.50) all bowling well and restricting opposition totals. The only 5 fer during the season was Chris Harvey 5 for 17 against Chessington. Tom Lenton's season was cut short by injury having shown fine skills in the early games.

Given the nature of 4th XI cricket, a total of 54 players were used during the season. There were notable contributions from many players and the young cricketers when they came back from school in the final third of the season. U13 Marley Gould showed fine promise with the ball in the games he played, I have no doubt we will be hearing more of him in years to come. Tom Pitts played a couple of games and bowled left arm quick before moving up the teams. Other notable contributions from Tom Chandler, Ram Koluna, Shiv Patel (before promotion to the 3rd XI) and Richie Harrison before injury curtailed his season.

The fielding was overall satisfactory with moments of magic but too much not paying attention in the latter part of the fielding sessions thus letting the opposition teams get away from us.

Wicketkeeping duties were shared between Al Mason, showing his class of old and David Crook who did a fine job in some difficult circumstances. Both took several memorable catches during the season.

4th XI player of the Season

Following promotion from the 5th XI, Under 13 Joe Inch came into the team in early June. His flighty leg spin proving to much for opposition batsmen. His 50 overs, 5 maidens 10 wickets at an average of 20.50 show a fine return. A couple of important innings (45 runs at 15) , not least 6* to guide us home against Walton proving his all-round credentials. Joe's willingness to learn and understand the dynamics of the match were a standout and rare amongst players of his age.

I consulted the senior players in the team on this award and I think the greatest compliment is the response I got;

'He bowls well, bats nicely, is interested in learning about cricket and has a great attitude. He thinks about his fields and where/how he wants to get wickets and overall is a really nice lad who we thoroughly enjoy having in the team'

I have no doubt we will be hearing a lot more about Joe in the coming years.

4th XI batting averages 2024

Qualification 4 matches

Name	Matches	Innings	Not Out	Runs	High score	Average
Sachin Patel	4	4	1	160	71	53.33
Tim Clews	4	4	1	160	69	53.33
Kunsh Khanna	6	6	0	191	61	31.83
Chris Parrish	9	6	4	52	21*	26.00
Chris Harvey	13	8	4	82	28	20.50
John Woolhead	11	9	1	163	61	20.37
Henry Witten	4	1	1	19	19*	
Jon Sturges	5	5	0	81	20	16.20
Joe Inch	6	4	1	45	21	15.00
Alex Mason	9	9	1	107	21	13.38
Kashif Hussain	5	5	0	60	27	12.00
Muhammed Malik	4	3	0	32	32	10.67
David Crook	10	8	0	78	23	9.75
Tom Burnett	6	2	1	6	6*	6.00
Tom Lenton	6	2	0	8	7	4.00

Also played.

3 Matches	Ram Kolanu	Tom Chandler	Dilan Guganswaran
	Josh Da Val	Chris Burton	Angus Barrett
	Richard Harrison	Shiv Patel	Marley Gould
	Orson Jones	Max Dunn	
2 Matches	Tom Pitts	Sam Warner	Charlie Green
	Glenn Phillips		
1 Match	Rohan Gupta	Dillon Crowe	Dom Frost
	Ayan Sohail	Max Chambers	David Hitchins
	Joe Goodsman	Aaryn Desai	William Tilston
	Neil Fletcher	Josh Kavia	Jaanzabe Jamali
	Joe Moss	Wayne Parkinson	

4th XI bowling averages 2024

Qualification 5 Wickets

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Tom Burnett	46	3	233	14	16.64
Chris Harvey	91.5	5	387	14	27.64
Chris Parish	68.2	13	203	11	18.45
Joe Inch	50	5	205	10	20.50
Marley Gould	26	3	103	7	14.71
Muhammed Malik	24.4	2	91	6	15.17
Shiv Patel	19	4	42	5	8.40

5th XI report and averages

The 2024 season was a tale of glory for the men and lads of Esher 5th XI!

As ever the 5s squad is a crafted mix of experienced grey hairs and the best of Esher CC youth rising through junior cricket into Saturday lower league cricket. Special mention must be given to the men from the club's Back To Cricket section who supported with availability, particularly in the first half of the season before the juniors were released from school cricket.

This year, 5s recruited heavily from u13s who stood up to their first taste of senior cricket with consistent performances from Fraser Bache, Joe Inch and Marley Gould.

U14 developing talent also shone through with significant contributions from Ben Frendo, Sam Temperley, Arjun Tahiliani, Adhritdev Baghel.

We also saw classy and powerful displays from Odran Williams, Joe Goodsman, Aghav Singh Dutt and Aaryan Desai evidencing the strength of talent rising through the ranks at Esher CC.

Powered by the depth and strength of our youth cricket, 5s bowled out opposition teams up and down our league. Bowling options were everywhere and tended to rotate around Fraser Bache (12 wkts, 8.5 average) and Sam Temperley who between them contributed 60 overs to the campaign, often bowling in tandem.

The relaid pitches at Imber Court proved to be transformative for our batting form. The highlight of the season was the setting of a new Esher CC club record when we amassed a mighty 387 from 40 overs. Spare a thought for our poor oppo on that searing day!

Overall runs flowed whether we batted first or chased down, with 5 players averaging over 35. Special mention must be given to Ben Frendo with 111* on league debut.

Weather was a miserable factor for the last 3 matches with 2 cancelled and an abandoned game which could not be salvaged despite the disbursement of 2 bags of saw dust across the entire square!

Nevertheless, enough work had been done over the course of the campaign to secure a Division 6 West league trophy for the club's glass cabinet. With the taste of glory now on our lips this team is hungry for more success in 2025!

5th XI player of the season

Several players stood out this season, but the skipper's player of the season goes to Ben Frendo (u14) who scored a century on league debut. His 111* was technically very good, amassing most of his runs in front of square even on a slow surface, playing himself in patiently and growing in confidence and stature to accelerate in the latter half of his innings. Ben also kept very well for the matches he played in. He is definitely one to watch for the future.



Gareth Narinesingh being presented with the trophy for winning the 5th XI league.

5th XI batting averages 2024

Qualification 4 matches

Name	Games	Inns	Not Outs	Runs	High Score	Avg
Ben Frendo	5	5	1	216	111*	54.00
Gareth Narinesingh	11	9	3	243	51	40.50
Joe Goodsmann	4	4	1	106	48	35.33
Sachin Patel	4	4	1	69	59	23.00
Richard French	4	3	2	20	17	20.00
Sam Temperley	5	3	0	51	25	17.00
Fraser Bache	6	5	2	51	16	17.00
Joe Inch	5	3	0	42	30	14.00
Kashif Hussain	5	4	0	53	23	13.25
David Mistry	6	5	1	51	23	12.75
Paul Hawkins	4	4	1	9	5*	3.00

Also played

3 Matches	Chris Burton	Odran Williams	Dilan Guganeswaran
	Shaun Davis	Tim Lenton	Max Chambers
	Aaryan Desai	Ben Huges	Arjun Tahiliani
	Adhritdev Baghel	Rohan De Silva	Byron Miller
	Agam Singh Dutt		

2 Matches	Aydin Awan	Sam Hawkins	Oliver Hotchin
	Rien Patel	Yassir Awan	Viraj Pillai
	E McDonnell	Spencer McHarg	Aarav Desai
	Josh Da Vall		
1 Match	Ben French	N Ware	James Fischer
	Ram Kolanu	Chris Hugall	Will Hamilton
	Ayan Sohail	Charlie Green	Wayne Parkinson
	James Britton	James Siveyer	Aayan Shabbir
	Max Webb	Neil McCallum	Sam Pyecroft
	Jon Sturges	Chris Crowley	Tom Price
	Elwyn McDonnell	Orson Jones	

5th XI bowling averages 2024

Qualification 5 wickets

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Fraser Bache	29	7	81	9	9.00
Agam Singh Dutt	17.3	1	67	7	9.57
Arjun Tahlia	17	1	87	6	14.50
Sam Temperley	26	1	94	6	15.67
Aaryan Desai	10	2	19	5	3.80
Joe Inch	13.4	1	36	5	7.20
Odran Williams	14	5	31	5	6.20
Joe Goodsman	23.3	3	85	5	17.00

6th XI report

The 6th XI team had a disrupted season in 2024, with matches only commencing in mid-July and also some matches lost to rain, so our opportunities were limited. Our teams are usually a mixture of promising youngsters playing their first season of adult matches, and some older heads providing some experience (but maybe not too much athleticism!). In most matches this season, we had mostly youngsters filling the XI, and therefore playing their first 40-over matches, and not so many of the old heads in the team. To the enormous credit of our young players, we were really competitive in all matches, against much more experienced teams. With some adult match experience under their belts, and another year's growth and strength, I look forward to seeing some of our young players moving up to the league teams in 2025 and a new crop of youngsters being blooded in the 6th XI.


Some highlights from this season: Spencer McHarg was the pick of the batsman this season, playing in most of our matches, opening the batting, and getting us off to solid starts, and scoring a pile of runs including one 50. Spencer was the bedrock of our batting and provided some very handy seam bowling. Notable mention also to Arjun Tahiliani whose fantastic knock of 76 against Mitchem at Chessington, helped us from what was looking like a hopeless position chasing a big total, to almost get us over the line, with James Higgins also scoring 39. Sadly, we had too many runs to chase that day, and we just fell short of what would have been a remarkable victory.

On the bowling front Joe Inch was a standout in early matches, and swiftly moved up to the 5th XI. Byron Miller bowled some wonderful spells of inswinging seam (taking a fantastic 3-fer early on in the match against Mitcham), and Sam Hawkins bowled some lovely spells of off-spin.

A quick word of thanks to Dave Harrison for playing many matches for us this season, and also to a number of dads who helped out this season with umpiring, scoring and even donning the whites and playing some matches (I hope the injuries have healed by now!). Your assistance was much appreciated.



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Women's report

2024 Season welcomed our Women's Section at Esher Cricket Club with new vigour and wide group participation. It was fantastic to welcome new ladies to the club, catch up with the 2023 team and play some great cricket. The progression through the season was a testament to the dedication by all. We played a number of softball games and played in 3 softball festivals the last of which was hosted by Esher at which we did not lose a game. A real high to end the season on.

Each and every team member greatly improved through the focussed training sessions managed and led by Subi Ghosh, who not only was inspirational in his training but also went out of his way to attend our matches and provided great support and encouragement.

Our ladies team comprised of: Sue Da Vall, Aruni Wijeratne, Claire Paisley, Deepti Mittal, Anu Iyer, Roza Domi, Aliya Jasrai. Andie Foley, Caz Blight, Pooja Shanthraj, Alia Mir and Dayna Clarke.

As we progressed through our fixtures, we saw a real turnaround in the results as we witnessed great batting, fielding and bowling improvements! Awesome catches by Andie Foley and Roza Domi, consistent wickets taken by Dayna Clarke, Anu Iyer, Deepti Mittal, Caz Blight, Alia Mir and Pooja Shanthraj and great batting by Dayna Clarke, Aruni Wijeratne. Aliya Jasrai and Claire Paisley.

Particular mention to Claire Paisley for always bringing her sense of fun and humour to each game and Dayna Clarke for her enthusiasm, energy and passion.

All visiting teams commented on the well set out the grounds and how fantastic the afternoon tea was - huge thanks to Duncan, Lek and the team for making this happen.

We look forward to 2025 Season and let's continue to encourage women of any age to try cricket out or to pick it up again and be part of our very social group - no experience or equipment is needed. I will be hosting a pre-season get together so please do share my details with any ladies that would like to join: sue.davall@gmail.com

We are proud to represent Esher Cricket Club and look forward to our continued growth in the 2025 season and beyond!

Sue Da Vall





Senior Youth Academy

This was another successful campaign culminating in the u19s winning the ECB trophy at Normandy for the 4th time in five years - it is remarkable what a difference a year makes, as the majority of this side did so well last year to reach the final with so many u16s - the same players a year on dominated the game and won a final against Sutton easily. A batting line up that was brutal in its approach attacked every team on route to the final - Freddie Price has really stood out over the two years in terms of runs scored and all round contributions to this squad, he has been supported magnificently by the class and elegance of Ollie Hunt and the destructive hitting of George Baldwin and of the course Alex Chambers who not only has batted and bowled superbly, but he has also lead the team with an astute edge which filled the team with confidence and belief - he is a winner! On the few occasions where the top order did not fire, it should be noted the experienced Rohan Gupta scored valuable middle order runs against Wimbledon in the group stages and also in the final at Normandy.

As well as the growth of the batting order a year down the track, the team was really boosted to have Fergus De Mestre and Shiv Patel from the u15s in to bowl in tandem with the brilliant Max Wallis - if we scored anything like a decent total, the three spinners strangled opposition into submission and Adam Helwick, also from the u15s, went from strength to strength behind the stumps which saw him collect three great stumpings in the final! When you consider we had Ollie Hamilton, Alex Chambers, Fred Price, & Salar Shabbir who regularly bowled sharp spells to knock sides over, it really was a pretty complete team.

The exciting aspect to this is that most of the team have two more years! If we stay hungry and continue to realise the importance of this competition, whilst embracing the fun we have had over the last five years, we will continue to thrive - one slip in a group game and you are probably out! It is notoriously hard to win and remarkable that Esher have won it so many times in recent years! We should aim high again as a team and make sure we engage with and embrace talent from the

younger teams below. The players' experience was definitely improved from being coached & managed brilliantly by Charlie Winder & Freddie Harrison.

We need to carry on improving the pathway and improve the link from u15s through to u17s - it was amazing to see the u15s success in the nationals and we need to give them performance cricket at 17s as a stepping stone to the 19s. The last few years we have been using the 17s as development cricket and playing in two leagues, but this has not really inspired the talented young players and we have fallen between two stools I think - the aim next year will be to just enter the top league and have one team with the objective of winning at Normandy on the same day as the 19s - this is a realistic objective when you consider the talent coming through and it will mean slightly less cricket, but with higher quality and more focussed aims.

The Sunday Trust team will continue to be development cricket - a massive thank you to Angus for running it this year. Angus took over from Charlie after his superb stint in charge - it was a difficult season in terms of availability, as most of the talented u19s were playing on Sundays for either Surrey, Sussex or Hampshire and we relied heavily on contributions from the u15s. It was still useful cricket in terms of development and experience, but we fell short of having enough quality older youth players available.

We look forward to next season building a successful u17s program, aiming high again in the 19s and rebuilding the trust team to create a good experience to blend younger youth with senior academy players. A huge thank you to all the boys who coached and managed - Charlie, Fred, Jack, Angus and BT. They do a great job and set the right tone and ensure we are not only successful, but create an enjoyable experience where the players follow the values of Esher CC.

The number of talented players coming through is a real credit to all the brilliant work Duncan does in coaching and attracting young players to the club - keeping the Senior Academy strong is important to future development and retention into adult cricket!

Glenn Harrison



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Esher CC Boys 2024 Season Report

Under 8s

Successful U8 Cricket Season

As we wrap up this year's Under-8 cricket season, we celebrate the incredible journey and achievements of our young cricketers. The season was a hallmark of dedication, skill development, and camaraderie. Each player's efforts in both soft ball and hard ball this year were commendable, contributing to a fantastic proper first season of competitive cricket.

Enthusiasm and Team Spirit

From the outset, the players brought fantastic enthusiasm, energising both practices and matches. This spirit fostered a strong sense of camaraderie, as they supported one another not just in cricket but it was also clear to see that they are forming lasting friendships. The team spirit was a key component of the players enjoying their cricket this season.

Commitment and Hard Work

The commitment shown by the players throughout the season was exceptional. High attendance at practice sessions underscored their dedication. Each player was eager to learn and the enthusiasm spilled over into matches, where they consistently applied themselves and started to develop a keen sense of competitiveness.

Development of Skills

The players' skill development was a standout feature of the season. Initially, the focus was on mastering basic cricket skills—batting stance, bowling action, fielding techniques, and understanding match rules. As the season progressed, significant improvements were observed. Batting techniques became more consistent, bowling accuracy improved, and fielding agility increased. Their growing tactical awareness was clear, with some making intelligent decisions during matches, highlighting their evolving cricketing acumen.

Transition to Hard Ball Cricket

A major milestone was the transition of a number of players from soft ball to hard ball cricket. This step marked a significant advancement in their cricket journey, reflecting not only skill progression but also maturity. The training was introduced gradually, focusing on safety and confidence-building. The players adapted remarkably well, demonstrating the bravery and flexibility that will benefit them in future sporting challenges. Whilst some embraced hard ball cricket from the start of the season, it was fabulous to see a number of players move into Sunday hard ball training and several progress to playing against u9 hard ball teams.

Memorable Achievements and Highlights

The season was filled with individual and team achievements. From scoring their first runs to taking their first wickets, each moment was a step in their development journey. Whether experiencing victory or learning from defeat and the resilience of these young athletes displayed was commendable. We were particularly proud of the players showing huge character when playing against older boys in the hard ball fixtures. Whilst the results may not have always gone their way, they showed up with great passion and enthusiasm regardless.

We also capped off a great first season with the u8 soft ball tournament. We fielded two strong teams, showcasing the talent this u8 group has to offer. One of the teams made the final and were a handful of rounds away from winning their maiden competition. A fine effort.

Parental and Community Support

This season's success was bolstered by crucial support from parents. Whether cheering from the side lines or playing their part in helping to manage, score or provide cakes and biscuits! This support makes a huge difference to how the fixtures run smoothly week in and week out. Thank you to all those that volunteered and for those that haven't yet, we encourage you to do so.

Looking Forward

I think we all have huge excitement for what the u9 season will bring. A number of the boys are already building their skills over the winter period in the Winter Nets training. It's clear to see with such dedication that we have a number of talented boys in the age group matching their strong potential with unwavering enthusiasm to take wickets and score runs.

In summary, this U8 cricket season created a great first year platform for young players to be nurtured in a supportive and encouraging environment. Their journey has only begun, and with the qualities they have displayed, they are set on a path to becoming skilled cricketers but more importantly individuals of character and sportsmanship. It has been a season of success, laying the groundwork for many future achievements.

Under 9s

The 2024 season was an incredible journey for our U9 squad, filled with thrilling matches, impressive performances, and strong team spirit. Across **50+ games**, including Tier 1 and Tier 2 fixtures (all hardball), the boys demonstrated remarkable progress in all aspects of the game. They also participated in four tournaments, securing **two victories**, with **one runner-up finish** and **one match unfortunately washed out**.

A heartfelt thank you to all the parents for their unwavering support in ensuring the boys made it to games and training sessions. We also extend our deepest gratitude to our dedicated parent volunteers—our umpires and scorers—who played a crucial role in keeping things running smoothly. A special mention goes to our coaching team, whose dedication and expertise helped the boys develop their skills, enjoy a competitive season, and foster lifelong friendships.

We are incredibly proud to say that this year **11 boys were selected for the Surrey U10 Pathway Programme for 2025**, highlighting the strength of the team and the high-quality coaching they received and are currently undergoing their training, furthering their development at the county level.

Many players made significant strides throughout the season, with outstanding contributions in both batting and bowling.

Top Performers

Batting:

-  **Harry Sabel** (29 games, 422 runs).
-  **Akhil Pillai** (18 games, 193 runs).
-  **Ayman Awan** (17 games, 170 runs).

Bowling:

- 🏏 **Ayman Awan** (17 games, 24 wickets).
- 🏏 **Mustafa Sheharyar** (22 games, 21 wickets).
- 🏏 **Harry Sabel** (29 games, 19 wickets).

As we look ahead to **2025 season**, we anticipate some changes within the squad, but the excitement builds as the boys prepare to compete in a **league format for the first time**. This will be a fantastic opportunity for them to test their skills in a structured competition and continue their cricketing development. We can't wait to see what 2025 holds for this talented group of young cricketers! Best of luck boys!

Under 10s

U10 Tier one match play

Another action-packed season for the U10's in 2024. 27 games of cricket Tier 1 league cricket were completed, and we won 16 of them, which is pretty good going. While we didn't win a league, we were only 1 win away from top in a couple of them. Notable wins against strong East Molesey & Teddington sides, as well as a low scoring thriller against Stoke D'Abernon (more on them later...) were an indication of how well we could play.

Introducing proper cricket rules and getting as many boys playing it, is the main aim of the age group, and I think we handled that pretty well, so to win as many games as we did was a very nice bonus. Enjoyment really is the key at this stage, but we also managed to mix a nice amount of competitiveness with the required amount of sportsmanship. Winning isn't everything, but improving and playing the game, the right way is important and the highlights for me were always the compliments received from opposition coaches on how we conducted ourselves and how well we played! So well done to everyone for that!

Tier 2 Dragons

Our Tier 2 Dragons were convincing winners of the SJCC North Central division this season, winning 9 of the 10 games, a top effort! A number of boys played in over half the games which created a really nice team environment. To be honest, not many of the games were really that close, given the performance levels of the Dragons, and they got to celebrate the title with an ice cream and a trophy at New Road following the final game.



U10 Eagles

A real baptism of fire for the U10 Eagles team, playing up in the U11 Tier 1 league this season, losing the first 4 games, a couple of them quite comprehensively. The challenge of playing up an age group against bigger stronger boys, while trying to navigate the complexities and emotions of “out you’re out” cricket was a bit of a struggle. I thought everyone who participated in these games developed this brilliantly. It wasn’t straightforward at the start, that’s to be expected, but they grew into the season amazingly well, and so from losing our first 4 games we finished the season winning 4 and losing 6 of the 10 completed games, which is a top effort!

A couple of highlights included a 51 run partnership for the final wicket against the best side in the league (Malden), almost pulling off what would have been a remarkable run chase. We then went one better the next time we played them, bowling and fielding brilliantly to restrict them to 128 on a very small ground, and then chasing it down with 23 balls to spare to win by 7 wickets. The most complete performance of the season, in probably the worst conditions of the season!

U10 Griffins – SJCC regional cup

Our Griffins won the Central region of the SJCC Regional cup late in August. Following a bye and a concession we found ourselves straight into a semi-final. A really good performance against East Molesey saw us into a final against Stoke D’Abernon. The final was a slightly one-sided affair, posting 173 we bowled Stoke out for 24! It was a really impressive performance from all of the boys and a great experience for them to play on the main square at New Road. The competition goes surrey-wide next season, the standard will improve, and we will look to give it a good go for back-to-back titles.

So all in all another very successful year. As with every year it takes an army of parents to help out, to ensure smooth running, so thanks to everyone who pitched in to umpire, score or provide refreshments. And we go again in 2025...





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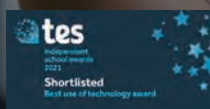


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Under 11s

Although this group produced a stellar set of results in 2023, 2024 was a much calmer, more fun and more successful season for our group than 2023 – both on and off the pitch.

In our group of fifty-five boys we welcomed nine new players to the club, many of whom played hard ball and 'standard rules' cricket for the first time. With our group split evenly between our Tier 1 and Tier 2 groups we were able to enter five teams across the different leagues with a fair amount of success.

We also saw a significant increase in the number of parents getting involved with the club and helping out at games. It is impossible to run five teams in the age group without the Mums and Dads who help out scoring, umpiring, giving lifts and even supplying the essential half time biscuits! Most of the parents who help out do so without any sort of fanfare, but they are definitely appreciated, and thankfully we have a sizeable number of friendly, knowledgeable parents who are happy to get involved. It takes a real enthusiasm for the game to umpire and score in the drizzle in a mid-week away game. Thankfully, due to the enthusiasm of the parents in this group we have plenty of help, so much so that this season I didn't have to give my own son out once – which I am very grateful for!

This sense of club spirit and camaraderie really helped to create a better playing atmosphere than in previous years with significantly fewer meltdowns, tantrums, and histrionics. The outcome being a spectacularly successful season on the pitch.

Both our midweek and week-end Tier 2 teams had great seasons – lots of players playing for the first time, lots of exciting finishes, some thrilling wins and lots of fun (I think!). We were in the hunt for both league titles until halfway through the season and eventually finished with solid mid table finishes in both leagues. A good number of these boys stepped up to play Tier 1 cricket at different points in the season with a lot of players showing real promise and great enthusiasm.

We have an extraordinarily talented set of players in this group it showed in our results this season. The British weather tried its best to scupper us in both our Tier 1 both leagues with the end and the start of the season being particularly wet, which caused a fair amount of fixture congestion at the back end of the season. None-the-less the boys were able to finish first and second in the two Sunday Tier 1 Leagues.

In the Surrey North Group, we were able to win the league overcoming some strong teams. We clinched the league in emphatic fashion with a win against Teddington in the beautiful surroundings of Bushy Park.

Bowling first we skittled a strong side for 66. Jake blasted out their top three while Woody and Dylan tied them down with accurate, quick bowling. Hugo stepped but to clean them up with his off spin taking three wickets (to make it seven for the week!). James L also gets an honourable mention for stepping up and bowling tidily in a pressure situation and Andrew kept wicket superbly taking a wonder catch down the leg side.

In Bazball style, we then knocked the runs off in 9 overs before the heavens opened with Felix and Dylan putting on 53 for the first wicket.

This meant that we wrapped up this league with a couple of matches to go, which gave us the opportunity to lose to our bogey side and local rivals Thames Ditton once again. Despite the best efforts of Ethan, Baino, and Azfar we lost our last match of the season by one run in a classic match at Ember Court.

In the Sunday East Group, we were pipped to the league by one point by a strong Reigate side. After losing to them at their ground we were able to beat them at New Rd to get back into the title race with Jack and Sam B blasting 60 runs at rapid pace. Dylan and Tom were then table to take early

wickets which meant that they were never ahead of the run rate. Felix then bowled a tight last over to see us over the line.

We were then inexplicably bowled out for 67 (despite a battling 30 from Arthavit) at Purley a couple of games later which ultimately cost us the league, with the last round of matches being rained off.

So, in the U11 leagues, first and second place for our two Tier 1 teams.

We also found time to enter a Tier 1 U12s League where we did brilliantly to finish as runners up in this group to our own U12s. We enter a league in the age group above us to give the boys a bit of experience against bigger, quicker, and stronger boys where the ball comes onto the bat a bit quicker, and the ball can fly around the outfield a bit quicker. After a slow start, we got onto a good run including a last ball defeat to the eventual champions.

We also entered a couple of Summer Tournaments. The wet weather scuppered the Teddington festival but could not stop the boys winning both the Valley End Summer Festival and our own Summer Tournament at New Rd. More medals and glory!

And so, onto the SJCC U11 Cup. This year this was a sixty-four team draw which meant that the first match of the season was a Cup match!

After routine wins in the early rounds against Dorking (in the shadow of Box Hill – very picturesque! with Albie and Tom picking up a couple of wickets each) and Worcester Park with Max and Felix picking up five wickets between them and Aariz and Arthavit knocking off the runs in style we faced an altogether trickier assignment away to Malden Wanderers.

Malden Warriors are one of the strongest sides in Surrey at his age group and played well - it proved to be a tough game with a close finish. Freddie and Daniel opened the bowling, before our seamers then took over to limit them to a score 120. William taking 3 for 10.

We then batted superbly in the face of some high-quality bowling and were always on the run rate especially after some mid innings heroics from Freddie and William eventually getting over the line with 9 balls to spare.

In the next round we saw off Stoke D'Abernon, earning us a date with Valley End in a semi-final at New Rd.

Great knocks from Alex, Jack, Freddie and William got us to a decent total and then our fast bowlers took over. Ben, Tom, Freddie and Dylan collectively taking 6-18 from the first 12 overs. Ben bowled four maidens on the trot and not one player bowled a wide or a no ball the whole innings – the first time I have ever seen that.

And so, on to the final at Valley End. On a lovely summer day in front of a good crowd the boys were gunning for a league and cup double against a strong Dulwich side who had beaten some good teams to reach the final.

We batted first and set off at a brisk tempo with Alex and Arthavit putting on thirty-nine for the first wicket at a good pace. Great knocks by Sam, Jack and Freddie got us up to a good total before it was time for our fast bowlers to get to work.

With echoes of the semi-final, we bowled with terrific speed and accuracy so such an extent that only one of their batters was able to make double figures. Ben bowled two more maiden overs meaning that of the eight overs he bowled in the two matches, six of them were maidens!

The boys backed the bowlers up with excellent fielding, Jack running out their opening batter in the first over with a direct hit from cover. Max kept wicket superbly and William and Alex cleaned up the tail – Alex taking four wickets with his off spin. We had won by sixty-two runs!

We used twenty players in total across the cup run, only playing one match at home so it was a real group effort.

So, we finished a great season with another trophy, more medals, and more great memories for the boys. It really doesn't get much better.

2024 Season League & Cup Results

U11 Tier 1 Sunday North League – Champions

U11 Tier 1 Sunday East League – Runners Up

U12 Tier 1 West – Runners Up

U11 Tier 2 Tier 2 North – Fourth place

U11 Tier 2 Sunday – Third place

U11 Surrey County Cup – Champions

Valley End Summer Festival of Cricket – Champions

Esher Summer Tournament - Champions

Under 12s

Well done to all the boys (and parents!) for another great summer of cricket. Despite some slightly dodgy weather early on, we managed to play 53 league matches, of which only 2 were abandoned due to rain. Across the Dragons, Phoenix and Griffins we won 42 matches and 4 leagues, with each of those teams lifting the trophy in tier 3, 2 and 1 respectively. Amazingly the Dragons were unbeaten in tier 3, the Phoenix unbeaten in tier 2 and the Griffins unbeaten in both tier 1 leagues, which must be a first!

Most importantly the boys played their cricket in the right spirit and we received some great feedback from the teams and coaches we played against. We felt the boys found the right balance between competitiveness, sportsmanship and fun, which was great to see.

There were some fantastic individual performances over the season, with notable accolades as follows:

Batting

- Henry Kingsnorth: 365 runs, 30 average, 120 strike rate
- Juna Chandran: 288 runs, 24 average, 97 strike rate

Bowling

- Luke Scrini: 22 wickets, 8.9 average, 13 strike rate

All round

- Kailan Sivakumaran: 369 runs and 21 wickets
- Anton Frendo: 335 runs and 22 wickets
- Fletcher Mcharg: 282 runs and 18 wk wickets

Stats don't of course tell the whole story, and all the boys played brilliantly at points through the season. When we look at what we showed in winning those 4 leagues, it was our performances as a

team that stood out - we didn't have to rely on individual performances, instead we benefited from having a squad where everyone was able to contribute to their team and gave great support to their teammates. Following a challenging season last year for the Dragons, we were particularly thrilled to see how well they performed in the tier 2 league. It wasn't always easy and we had a few tough losses which showed the areas we still need to work on and which we will do. But overall we were very proud of all the boys and they really were a pleasure to manage.

Thank you to the coaches for their great work with the boys this year, for all the help on match days from the volunteer scorers and umpires and generally for all your support and encouragement through the season.

Under 13s

Another highly successful year for the U13s. 55 boys in the age group and 5 league entries. Runners up in 2 Sunday Leagues (Tier 1A and Tier 2) and Winners of 2 Midweek Leagues (Tier 1 and Tier 2) underlines what a successful year we had. Selections between teams remain fluid, giving incentives for continued development and good form with a number of boys making huge strides and improving their game over the winter and throughout the season.

U13s is the first year where boys can partake in Adult Cricket and a huge number did benefitting from exposure to longer format matches and playing with boys from other age groups and seasoned adult players.

Awards this year went to Fraser Bache and Byron Miller (Players' Player of the Year Awards) and Alex Allsop and James Higgins (Manager Awards).

7 boys were involved with the Surrey Performance group with 4 (Barney Ashton, Marley Gould, Sam Hawkins and Tom Hooke) being selected for County Age Group matches. Congratulations to them.

Thanks, as ever to all the parental support to run, manage, umpire, score matches and provide refreshments. And well done to all the boys involved throughout the season. Onwards to next season!

Under 14s

The U14 season was a mixed bag on the league tables, littered with individual brilliance throughout.

The T1 Griffin squad won the T1 Midweek competition with some strong opposition from East Molesey, Ashtead, Chobham and Weybridge. The highlight of the league was a tied match with Ashtead, Kunsh Khanna smashing 85* off 48 balls with 10 * 4's and 4 * 6's to get us an all-important 3 points. Kunsh loves playing Ashtead as he also scored 72 in another game. Worth mentioning that Kunsh hit 23 sixes during the season and finished the season as the top run scorer with 581 runs at an average of 34!!

The T1 Sunday squad never got going but did put in a few cracking performances along the way, beating Cranleigh, Reigate Priory and old rivals Spencer. The Reigate Priory match was extra special for Ben Frendo scoring his maiden century, the first to do so in the age group with a stunning 100* off 71 balls, bravo Ben! Ben was 2nd top scorer across the season with 506 runs at an average of 27. Ben also claimed 12 victims behind a very tidy first season behind the stumps with 7 stumping too. The Spencer game will be remembered for a wonderful knock from Max Chambers, left agonisingly

close to his century on 98*. Aarav Desai, Arjun Tahlilani and Sammy Temperley all scored half centuries across the season.

The T2 side finished 5th in the Sunday Central league and 4th in the North Central mid-week league.

Adhritdev Baghel returned the best bowling figures of the season, 4/13 and 4/18 with his quick, aggressive line bringing him 13 wickets, joint 3rd with Max Chambers whose best was 4/19 against Old Ruts. Arjun Sahota was 2nd top wicket taker with 14 during the season, best of 3/26 and an age group best average of 11.57. Top wicket taker across the season, an advert for hitting the stumps was Barney Rawlinson with 18 wickets and season best figures of 3/11 against Spencer. Will Boon had the best economy rate (min 50 overs bowled) at 4.83 and I am looking forward to how fast he is going to bowl next year! Ben Webb and Max Taylor were vying for best strike rate in the age group, with Ben 15.6 just pipping Max 15.75, top work chaps.

We all know catches win matches and Max Chambers led the way with 12 victims across the season, Barney Rawlinson snaffled 8 and Kunsh Khanna with a terrific 7. Max also led the run out stats, claiming 6 victims, 1 of which will be etched in my memory for many years to come. Running at full pelt round the long on boundary, a one handed pick up, exocet missile 60 metres one bounce run out in the cup semi-final vs Sunbury, a joy to behold!

Our cup run started with a bye and ended in the dark... more on that later. We had a tough 1st fixture against our bogey team, Old Ruts, who had beaten us the previous 4 times in T20 format. Winning the toss and putting them in we bowled superbly well and bowled them out for 81, Max C the pick of the bowlers with 4/19. We made heavy weather of the chase but got over the line with 9 balls to spare, 6 wickets down. Malden Wanderers next, a banana skin for sure as they have recruited heavily and came in brimming with confidence. Esher were stuck in and posted a respectable but chaseable 120/7, Will Heslop with a swashbuckling 41*. Tight bowling once again, this time bowling MW out for 84. The quarter final beckoned vs old foes Ashted. Our best cup batting performance followed, posting 157/5, Kunsh 43* and Orson 37 doing the bulk of the damage. Ashted were ripped apart by Adhritdev taking 4 wickets up top and Barney R measly at the death taking the final wickets 2/5 off 3 overs. Unknown Sunbury in the Semi-Final, which is slightly confusing considering they play in Middlesex...I was right to be concerned about starting 15 mins late, as this ultimately added to our downfall. Sunbury posted 126/8 on a good pitch that suited the spinners. A brave decision to bowl Kunsh his full allotment of 4 overs, including at the death paid off with superb figures of 3/18. We looked in control during the run chase, Orson Jones, 39 and Kunsh, 26, putting us in a winning position. Fading light, feisty parents and players and controversial umpiring contributed to us falling 4 runs short with, not to mention 5 Benny Hill run outs. In full Kevin Keegan fashion, I would LOVE it if we met them again in 2025 for revenge...

As always, thank you to all of the parents for their support, not least Ali Carswell for her insatiable Spunding, Luke Jones for his commitment to scoring, Graham Perkins for his commitment... to cricket... and umpiring, and Neil Fulk for his help with the dragons. U15's is a big year and we have big shoes to fill... see you in 2025!

Under 15s

The mighty Esher Cricket Club U15 side has enjoyed a remarkable 2024 season, achieving both league and cup success! The team won the extremely competitive u15 Surrey T1 30-Over weekend league, the Surrey-20 Over Cup, the National Regional Final and winning nine ECB National Cup knockout matches in a row to represent Esher CC at Lords in the final of the ECB Vitality National u15 Cup (the ECB representative advised that 1200 teams throughout the United Kingdom entered this competition so it was a major achievement to make it to the final – which was our team’s goal at the beginning of the season).

Our journey to the ECB Vitality National u15 Cup final was as follows:

Area	Date-2024	Opposition	Result
Surrey	07 May	Sutton CC	Won by 10 wickets
Surrey	14 May	Malden Wanderers CC	Won by 7 wickets
Surrey	22 May	Thames Ditton CC	Won by 79 runs
Surrey	07 June	Chobham CC	Won by 30 runs
Surrey	22 June	Banstead CC	Won by 3 wickets
National Stage	21 July	Slough CC (Berkshire)	Won
National Stage Regional S-F	30 July	Copdock and Ipswichian CC (Suffolk)	Won by 86 runs
National Stage Regional Final	30 July	Ealing CC (Middlesex)	Won by 5 wickets
National Stage Semifinal	12 August	St Fagans CC (Wales)	Won by 22 runs
National Final played at Lords Cricket Ground	14 Sept	Dorridge CC (Warwickshire)	Lost by 20 runs



I had the privilege of working with this talented group of young cricketers for 2 seasons (u14 and u15) and I was so proud of their exceptional skill, teamwork, manners, and sportsmanship throughout the season. They all supported one another on and off the field and I know that they will remember this season at Esher fondly.

A critical factor to the team’s success was the quality and dedicated coaching they received at the club throughout the years – thanks to Duncan and his team of coaches, Sohail, Kuram, Nic, Angus B., Tim L. Teague and Subi for all their effort and particularly this season.

During our capping ceremony at Esher CC, the Thursday night before the Cup final, our club Chairman, Neil McCallum pointed out how important parents are to the success and enjoyment of any teenage sports team's season. I agree - thankfully the u15's are blessed with some phenomenal parents and their consistent support on and off the field made a massive difference to our team – thank you! (A big thank you to Vince Chandler and the club for presenting the boys with their tailored caps on the day too).

The u15 T1 league was probably the most competitive league that our team had played in during their time at Esher. Competing clubs had put in a major effort to give themselves the best chance of winning this league. However, our Esher's U15 side showcased their prowess with a series of outstanding performances throughout the season. Their season commenced with a combination of excitement and nerves, but it quickly became clear that these young men were a force to be reckoned with. The players exhibited remarkable batting depth, with several standout performances from key players who took responsibility in pressure situations. The openers generally set a solid foundation and got us off to flying starts, while the middle-order batsmen demonstrated their ability to accelerate the scoring when needed. On the bowling front, the team proved to be equally formidable. The bowlers exhibited a variety of skills, from disciplined seam bowling to a plethora of quality spinners that are the best combination in the land. This bowling attack ensured that the team could adapt to different pitches and conditions.

What a fun few months it was culminating in a final at the iconic Lords Cricket Ground where the boys got a taste of what it's like to be a professional cricketer. There are current international players that will never have the opportunity our Esher lads had to play on this special ground, which stands as a beacon in the world of cricket. Thanks to the lads, the club and parents for a very special chapter and season and to the Esher members who supported throughout!





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Esher CC Girls 2024 Season Report

We hope you and your daughters enjoyed the cricket at Esher this season. All tournaments and leagues have now been completed, and we thought you might like to know that this year has been **our most successful ever** with several age groups winning their league or appearing in cup finals for the first time.

The **U5s and U6s** training was completely changed this year, with all the girls in the two year groups training together, separate from the boys, like every other age group. The sessions, led by the wonderful Subi, were a great success, with attendance numbers going up each week! Thank you to all the parents who helped with these sessions. We are really looking forward to next year, and please tell all of your daughter's friends to come along too!

The **U7 and U8s** merged to play in several games, often winning comfortably thanks to the tireless leadership of Alex Morgan. While they didn't win their U8 Smash-it A league, there were some fabulous performances, and the group shows great potential for next year. Special thanks to all the parents in this group for helping to recruit more players - it made a big difference to the group.

The **U9s** was the biggest junior girls' group by far, with over 20 girls in the squad. Alana managed the teams and led the Dragons and Griffins to 2nd and 3rd place in the Smash-it West league. We were only pipped to first place because we had to concede a game, so all the signs suggest that this group should start winning things next year!

The **U10** group is the big transition year in cricket at Esher, with the girls switching from soft to hard ball cricket. The current group of U10s had no problem with the change and (remarkably) came second in the U10-U11 Tier 2 Central league. The **U11** group did even better by winning their Tier 2 North West league — which we think is the first league the girls' section has ever won! Both groups show amazing promise, and many thanks to James, Rachel, and Leigh for looking after everyone.

Our greatest success, however, was the **U12 girls**, who won their Tier 1A league - this is the first time we have ever won a tier 1 league in any age group. A truly amazing result which deserves huge praise to all involved - massive thanks must go to Kelly who led the team to victory.

The success almost continued in the older age groups: The **U13s and U14s** came second by the tiniest of margins in their Tier 1 West league and Tier 2 West leagues, respectively. These performances demonstrate both the astonishing quality of players in these teams and the commitment of the parents who give up so much of their time to organize the games. Many thanks to Vicky, Cameron, and Matt.

Matt also nearly led a mixed team of **U13/14/15s** to victory in the U15 Hundred final at the end of the season. His team performed superbly and looked certain to win at one point before just running out of steam at the end.

Cricket for the **U16s** and above gets a bit more complicated, with GCSE and A-level exams making team selection difficult. However, by combining the U15-U18 girls (plus some superb U13s and U14s), we have been able to enter the Surrey Women's Division 2 league along with the **Surrey Women's League Cup**. The team has played some fabulous games, the pinnacle of which was an amazing victory against Wimbledon's women's 1st team — a 'proper' women's team consisting of many twenty-something players versus our teenagers — in the semi-final of the cup. Sadly, the final against Reigate was rained off last weekend. The game has been rescheduled for the start of next season. Hopefully, we will be able to begin the year with a trophy!

We had hoped to organise an awards day for all the teams and players, but sadly we just couldn't find a date that worked. Instead, I thought I would mention a few of the many amazing performances this year - apologies if I have left out a performance that wasn't recorded on play cricket!

- Without question, the greatest bowling (ever, in the history of cricket!) was Martha Garrett who got 7 (yes, seven) wickets in two overs for no runs in an U10 **BOYS** pairs match. Apparently, the opposition were stunned into silence. Rachel Helwick also managed to get 5 wickets in a game, while Violet Davatzis managed to take 5 wickets for 10 runs in a game against Weybridge, and so bettered her previous best performance of 5 for 13 (also against Weybridge!). Ella Schroder gets the award for the most wickets (20) in the season.
- Kaylee Muller takes the prize for the most runs (326) scored in the season including 52 runs against Ashted. Raphie White deserves a special award for biggest impact in a game, scoring 15 runs from 4 balls in a super over and so winning us the bronze medal in the Esher U17 tournament. Three of the senior players scored 60 not out in one or more matches, while Grace Coleman scored 52 not out in an under 12 game and Arabella Choudhry scored 53 not out in a U13 game. Congratulations to all of these fabulous players.

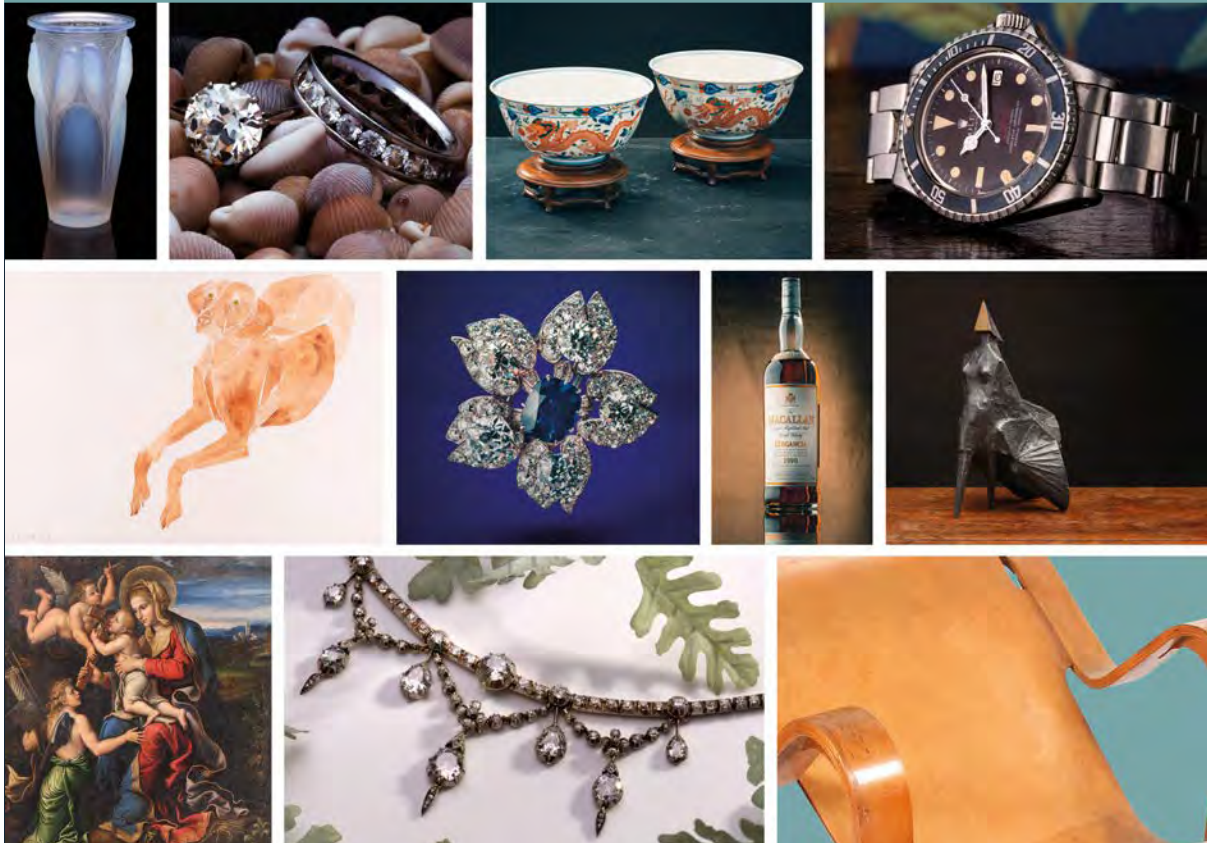
Now that the season has finished, you may be surprised to hear that we are already planning for next year. We have plans for more winter nets training, details of which will be sent out soon. We also have to decide which leagues to enter for next season, and we intend to get better at planning when and where the fixtures happen — for example, we want to avoid any more matches in Dulwich for the U7/U8s (madness), and we also want to reduce the number of fixture overlaps (e.g., when the U13s and U14s play on the same day/time), as these reduce our ability to fulfil both fixtures. If you would like to help with this role, please let us know. We also need to find U6, U7, and U8 Age Group Managers so that these groups can play matches next year.

Thank you to all of you for your support during the year. The club only exists because of its members, and you have all been tremendously supportive. I would also like to thank Angus and all of the other coaches who have helped during the season - they have made a massive impact on the girls and our success during the season, and we hope that they will all return next year. Most importantly, I would like to thank the Age Group Managers, all of whom spend many, many hours making sure matches happen and supporting individual players through various challenges. None of us receive any payment or financial incentive to help with the club, so if you have a chance, please do drop them a line to say thank you too.

Finally, we really hope to see you all next season. Please come back and please try to recruit your daughter's friends, and their friends to the club. After many years of hard work, we are beginning to see the rewards. And while it is lovely to win things, our main goal is still to get as many girls as possible playing and enjoying cricket.

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Surrey championship fixtures 2025

First XI -Surrey Cricket league - Premier league

Date	Opposition	Venue	Fixture type	Start time
27 April 2025	Whitstable	Away	40 overs National	TBC
10 May 2025	Dulwich	Home	50 Overs	12 noon
11 May 2025	Blackheath	Away	40 overs National	TBC
17 May 2025	Ashtead	Away	50 Overs	12 noon
24 May 2025	Banstead	Home	50 Overs	12 noon
31 May 2025	East Molesey	Away	50 overs	11am
7 June 2025	Wimbledon	Home	Timed	11am
14 June 2025	Reigate Priory	Home	Timed	11am
21 June 2025	Spencer	Away	Timed	11am
28 June 2025	Sunbury	Home	Timed	11am
5 July 2025	Sutton	Away	Timed	11am
12 July 2025	Dulwich	Away	Timed	11am
19 July 2025	Ashtead	Home	Timed	11am
26 July 2025	Banstead	Away	Timed	11am
3 August 2025	East Molesey	Home	Timed	11am
9 August 2025	Wimbledon	Away	50 Overs	12 noon
16 August 2025	Reigate Priory	Away	50 Overs	12 noon
23 August 2025	Spencer	Home	50 Overs	12 noon
30 August 2025	Sunbury	Away	50 Overs	12 noon
6 September 2025	Sutton	Home	50 Overs	12 noon

Second XI -Surrey Cricket League – Division 3 West

Date	Opposition	Venue	Fixture type	Start time
10 May 2025	Guildford	Away	50 Overs	12 noon
17 May 2025	Ashtead	Home	50 Overs	12 noon
24 May 2025	Chertsey	Away	50 Overs	12 noon
31 May 2025	East Molesey	Home	50 overs	12 noon
7 June 2025	Dorking	Away	50 overs	12 noon
14 June 2025	Leatherhead	Away	50 overs	12 noon
21 June 2025	Hampton Wick Royal	Home	50 overs	12 noon
28 June 2025	Farnham	Away	50 overs	12 noon
5 July 2025	Sunbury	Home	50 overs	12 noon
12 July 2025	Guildford	Home	50 overs	12 noon
19 July 2025	Ashtead	Away	50 overs	12 noon
26 July 2025	Chertsey	Home	50 overs	12 noon
3 August 2025	East Molesey	Away	50 overs	12 noon
9 August 2025	Dorking	Home	50 Overs	12 noon
16 August 2025	Leatherhead	Home	50 Overs	12 noon
23 August 2025	Hampton Wick Royal	Away	50 Overs	12 noon
30 August 2025	Farnham	Home	50 Overs	12 noon
6 September 2025	Sunbury	Away	50 Overs	12 noon

Third XI -Surrey Cricket League - Division 8 Central

Date	Opposition	Venue	Fixture type	Start time
10 May 2025	Shepperton	Home	45 Overs	1pm
17 May 2025	Old Pauline	Away	45 Overs	1pm
24 May 2025	Sunbury	Home	45 Overs	1pm
31 May 2025	Ham and Petersham	Away	45 Overs	1pm
7 June 2025	Maori Oxshott	Home	45 Overs	1pm
14 June 2025	Walton on Thames	Home	45 Overs	1pm
21 June 2025	Balham & Tooting	Away	45 Overs	1pm
28 June 2025	Malden Wanderers	Home	45 Overs	1pm
5 July 2025	Staines & Laleham	Away	45 Overs	1pm
12 July 2025	Shepperton	Away	45 Overs	1pm
19 July 2025	Old Pauline	Home	45 Overs	1pm
26 July 2025	Sunbury	Away	45 Overs	1pm
3 August 2025	Ham and Petersham	Home	45 Overs	1pm
9 August 2025	Maori Oxshott	Away	45 Overs	1pm
16 August 2025	Walton on Thames	Away	45 Overs	1pm
23 August 2025	Balham & Tooting	Home	45 Overs	1pm
30 August 2025	Malden Wanderers	Away	45 Overs	1pm
6 September 2025	Staines & Laleham	Home	45 Overs	1pm

Fourth XI -Surrey Cricket League – Division 10 Central

Date	Opposition	Venue	Fixture type	Start time
10 May 2025	Stoke D'Abernon	Away	40 Overs	1pm
17 May 2025	Ashford	Home	40 Overs	1pm
24 May 2025	Old Hamptonians	Away	40 Overs	1pm
31 May 2025	Manipay Parish	Home	40 Overs	1pm
7 June 2025	Teddington Town	Away	40 Overs	1pm
14 June 2025	Sunbury	Away	40 Overs	1pm
21 June 2025	Whiteley Village	Home	40 Overs	1pm
28 June 2025	Hampton Hill	Away	40 Overs	1pm
5 July 2025	Walton on Thames	Home	40 Overs	1pm
12 July 2025	Stoke D'Abernon	Home	40 Overs	1pm
19 July 2025	Ashford	Home	40 Overs	1pm
26 July 2025	Old Hamptonians	Home	40 Overs	1pm
3 August 2025	Manipay Parish	Away	40 Overs	1pm
9 August 2025	Teddington Town	Home	40 Overs	1pm
16 August 2025	Sunbury	Home	40 Overs	1pm
23 August 2025	Whiteley Village	Away	40 Overs	1pm
30 August 2025	Hampton Hill	Home	40 Overs	1pm
6 September 2025	Walton on Thames	Away	40 Overs	1pm

Fifth XI -Surrey Cricket League – Division 11 Central

Date	Opposition	Venue	Fixture type	Start time
10 May 2025	Hampton Wick Royal	Away	40 Overs	1pm
17 May 2025	Teddington Town	Home	40 Overs	1pm
24 May 2025	Hampton Hill	Away	40 Overs	1pm
31 May 2025	Woking & Horsell	Home	40 Overs	1pm
7 June 2025	Shepperton	Away	40 Overs	1pm
14 June 2025	Long Ditton	Away	40 Overs	1pm
21 June 2025	East Molesey	Home	40 Overs	1pm
28 June 2025	Old Pauline	Away	40 Overs	1pm
5 July 2025	Kempton	Home	40 Overs	1pm
12 July 2025	Hampton Wick Royal	Home	40 Overs	1pm
19 July 2025	Teddington Town	Away	40 Overs	1pm
26 July 2025	Hampton Hill	Home	40 Overs	1pm
3 August 2025	Woking & Horsell	Away	40 Overs	1pm
9 August 2025	Shepperton	Home	40 Overs	1pm
16 August 2025	Long Ditton	Home	40 Overs	1pm
23 August 2025	East Molesey	Away	40 Overs	1pm
30 August 2025	Old Pauline	Home	40 Overs	1pm
6 September 2025	Kempton	Away	40 Overs	1pm

Other adult fixtures

Date	Opposition	Venue	Fixture type	Start time
12 April 2025	Development XI	New Rd	Friendly	12 noon
13 April 2025	Magellan	New Rd	Friendly	1pm
19 April 2025	Weybridge 1 st XI	Away	Friendly	12 noon
19 April 2025	Weybridge 2 nd XI	New Rd	Friendly	12 noon
20 April 2025	Oxshott 2 nd XI	New Rd	Friendly	1 pm
26 April 2025	Richmond 1 st XI	New Rd	Friendly	12 noon
26 April 2025	Richmond 2 nd XI	Away	Friendly	12 noon
3 May 2025	Spencer 1 st XI	New Rd	Friendly	12 noon
3 May 2025	Spencer 2 nd XI	Away	Friendly	12 noon
4 May 2025	Spencer 3 rd XI	Imber Court	Friendly	12 noon
8 June 2025	MCC	New Rd	Friendly	12 noon
TBC	Nomads	New Rd	Friendly	11-30 am

Seaford golf tour 2024

We nearly had our largest ever touring party for our 59th annual tour until a late work summons overruled a fun weekend on the South Downs for one unlucky and let-it-be-said very diligent tourist, to leave us at a balanced 18. Pre-competition bets and banter, coupled with a pint was our preparation until the title holder led us off into battle. Near the front of the field Bryan Coutts set a blistering pace, racing to 20 points on the front 9, including a very rare birdie at the long and tricky 8th hole. We nearly stayed dry – but for one uncalled for and very heavy rain shower that lasted 45 minutes which dampened the clubs more than the spirits. It took some momentum away from Bryan who finished with 33 points. Nearer the back of the field Robert Seager and Charlie Winder both played very, very well to score a hugely impressive 36 points and take the overnight lead, by 3 points from Bryan Coutts and Nick Winder, followed closely by the contrastingly shaped athletes Jack Fletcher and Jim Steven. There was fierce competition for last place too. The debutants David Brent and Don Butchart both battled conditions and the vagaries of a Seaford debut on a wet autumn day. With former President Jonny Robinson and current Chairman Neil McCallum within a point, there was a four-way challenge both at the top and at the bottom of the field. The experienced President Bernard, Winder (sr), Parvin and Cloke formed a strong mid-table core who probably wouldn't win but at least probably shouldn't lose. A long evening of good food, plentiful drink and reminiscence ensued – as well as a few frames of snooker.

Sunday morning was a little cooler, but we remained dry. At the front of the pack was the fiercely contested battle for the Booby Prize. At times it was truly surprising how much good golf was played before ways were found to avoid scoring. After 9 holes it was still all to play for, before the Chairman kindly saved the younger men's blushes. In the final group the four overnight leaders all played some very good golf at various times in a tense finale. At the 18th, there was now a three-way tie for the lead, with another just one shot back. The three tied players all hit good shots in and had possible birdie putts, but none could convert. Whilst it was tempting to send them out for a play-off, the title was decided on countback (to the dismay of those who'd backed the others on The Tote) over the final 9 holes and the Max Seager trophy was awarded to Bryan Coutts, from Charlie Winder and Nick Winder, just ahead of Robert Seager.

It was great to see the touring party back at full strength with a high number of current cricketers. The balance allowed for an informal 9-a-side match between the Oldies and the Cricketers. I'm pleased to report that for the record, the Oldies won by 490 points to 474. Hopefully we really can fill the place next year after a fine season of Esher cricket.



Robert Seager and Charlie Winder, leading after the 1st round. Would it last?

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Notice of Annual General Meeting 2025

The AGM of Esher Cricket Club will be held on Thursday 3 April 2025 at 7.30pm at Esher Cricket Club, 47 New Road, Esher KT10 9NU.

Notice of Annual General Meeting (AGM) Notice is hereby given that the AGM of Esher Cricket Club (The Club) will be held on 3 April 2025 at 7.30pm in the Clubhouse, 47 New Road, Esher, Surrey KT10 9NU.

The following resolutions will be proposed:

1. To elect Neil McCallum as Chairman of the Club
2. To approve the minutes of the 2024 AGM (Note 1)
3. To approve the accounts for the year to 30th September 2024 (Note 2)
4. To elect the Officers of The Club (Note 3)
5. To elect The Management Committee (Note 3)
6. To elect Aileen Woolhead ACA as Independent Reviewer of the Accounts
7. To approve the 2025 subscription rates as follows:

Full playing member (male)	£240	Young Cricketer boys U8	£210
Full playing member (female)	£90	Young Cricketer boys U7	£180
Full time student	£70	Young Cricketer boys U5 to U6	£130
Male adult age 19 to 23	£140	Young Cricketer girls U16 to U18	£110
Occasional playing member – up to 4 games	£90	Young Cricketer girls U10 to U15	£220
Social member	£50	Young Cricketer girls U8 to U9	£160
Young Cricketer boys U16 to U18	£120	Young Cricketer girls U5 to U7	£130
Young Cricketer boys U9 to U15	£270		

The Young Cricketer subscription includes Family Social Membership.

8. To consider any other business

Notes

- 1) The minutes of the 2024 AGM will be displayed on the Club notice board for 15 days prior to the meeting.
- 2) The 2024 Accounts can be found on pages 19 to 22 of this report.
- 3) The Officers of the Club and the membership of the Committees can be found on page 64 of this report.



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