

Wanstead & Snaresbrook Cricket Club

(incorporating Snaresbrook Football Club)
founded in the year 1866



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President *Len Enoch Esq*
Annual General Meeting

The A.G.M will be held in the Overton Drive Clubhouse on
Tuesday 10th December 2024 @ 8.00 pm

Stuart Phillips
Hon. Club Secretary

1.0 To Adopt the Committee's Report for 2024

2.0 To Adopt the Treasurer's Statement of Accounts for the Year Ending 30th September 2024

3.0 Club Constitution Amendment

To adopt the Management Committee recommendation that clause 7 of the Club Constitution should be modified as follows:

Current: "The Annual General Meeting of the club, of which 14 days' notice shall be given in writing to the members by the Secretary, shall be held in February or March each year."

Proposed: "The Annual General Meeting of the club, of which 14 days' notice shall be given in writing to the members by the Secretary, shall normally be held before the end of December in the year to which it pertains, and, in any event, within six months of the ending of the playing season."

4.0 Election of Officers, Vice-Presidents and Committee

President & Vice Presidents
Honorary Club Secretary
Honorary Club Treasurer
Cricket Secretary
Head of Junior Cricket
Chair of the Bar Committee
Chair of the Social Committee
Club Captain
Two other Elected members

4.1 Subscriptions

To adopt the Management Committee recommendation that the 2025 rates of subscription will be as follows:

CRICKET	£
Playing Member	230
Playing (over 18 ¹ and full-time student)	115
Sunday/Occasional Playing Member	115
Women Playing	115
Women Occasional Playing Member	57.50
Parent (Playing) with 1 or more Junior Members	250
Parent (Occasional Playing) with 2 or more Junior Members	225
Parent (Occasional Playing) with 1 Junior Member	170
Junior Member (under 18 ¹)	120
Junior Members, Siblings (under 18 ¹)	180
Junior Members (under 7 ¹)	70
SOCIAL MEMBERSHIP	
Social Member	50
Partner of above	35
Retired Pensioner	40
Country Members (outside 50 miles)	35

¹Age as at 1st September 2024

5.0 Match Fees

To adopt the Management Committee recommendation that the match fees for 2025 will be as follows:

1. Adult matches (home or away), including Junior players £14 (£7.00 if no teas provided)
2. Junior matches (home or away) £7

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT 2024

2024 was another great year for the club, with success for many of our men's, women's and junior teams. A feature of last season was the continued growth of the Women's and Girls' section of the club. The Management Committee would like to thank all members, particularly the many volunteers, for the support they gave the club and to each other.

Club Finances – As forecast at the last AGM, while the income sources became more diverse and grew slightly, the finances for 2024 were dominated by another year of important investment in our facilities.

Income sources became encouragingly more diverse, with more contribution from facility hire (up £3,000 on the prior year), and donations (up £12,000, including a back dated gift aid claim of £3,000). Our membership income was up £5,000 to £45,000. Match fees also rose £5,000 to £30,000 (more winter indoor games and nets).

These increases were offset by a £6,000 reduction in bar income down to £89,000 from £95,000. This was caused by the absence of a big T20 day in May, and more weather-related lost days. Our grant income also fell to £4k from £14k as we had received a one-off grant in the prior year for the all-weather pitch at Nutter Lane.

During the year, the club invested a material amount of reserves on facilities. The vast majority of this expenditure was explained at the prior AGM and included £17,400 on the outfield renovation; £7,400 on the insulation in the pavilion roof; £6,000 on the new roof for the store cupboard; £3,900 on new benches; and £1,700 on upgrading the Wi-Fi around the ground. The most material unplanned expenditure was the essential repairs to both the rollers during the season which cost £6,000.

The net impact of all these factors led to a deficit in the year of £35,000, and a consequent reduction in cash balances from £53,000 to £16,000.

In the coming months the club will start to benefit from a renewed focus on sponsorship, which is already bearing results, and a refreshed arrangement with the Lakeside pre-school, which is now under new ownership. We will also benefit from a more efficient cost structure regarding the running of the bar during the winter. However, it is clear that further material investment in the short term will be contingent on our ability to manage the reserves back up to prior levels. We are confident that this can be achieved in a relatively short space of time.

Safeguarding – Niru Williams has decided to stand down as Club Safeguarding Officer at the end of 2024. The Management Committee wishes to place on record its appreciation for everything Niru has done in this demanding role over the past three years. We are delighted that Tina Vyas has agreed to take on the position of Club Safeguarding Officer and Serena Mahandru has agreed to support her as Club Safeguarding Assistant.

2023-27 Development Plan - Work has started on implementing the recommendations of the 2023-2027 Development Plan which is on the club website. These recommendations point the way to areas we need to address to consolidate and build on the club’s progress so far including an improved Communications and PR capability.

Management Committee – During the year Nigel Hutchings decided to stand down as Club Secretary after fifteen years in the role. The Management Committee would like to thank Nigel for the all his hard work in this role, as well as in his previous roles as junior team manager and junior fixture secretary. We are pleased to report that Stuart Phillips has agreed to take up the position of secretary.

Sponsors – the Management Committee would like to thank Bradley & Co for the fantastic support that they continue to give the club as the club’s principal sponsor. Bradley & Co is a West End and City based Human Resources strategy and Management Consultancy firm. We would also like to thank The Duke, who this season agreed to sponsor the back of the adult shirts, and all our other sponsors for the invaluable support which they give the club.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE AT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Arf Akram	1	M.Bentley	3	J. Ellis-Grewal	3	S. Emmons	3
J. Gritten	2	N. Hutchings	1	S. Phillips	2	M. Pluck	3
H. Quinlan	1	N. Williams	1	S. Mahandru	1		

CRICKET SECTION

	Position	P	W	L	D	C	A	Points
1st XI	3rd	18	10	4	3	1	0	259
2nd XI	1st	18	12	2	1	2	1	272
3rd XI	9th	18	3	9	4	2	0	153
4th XI	5th	18	6	9	0	3	0	189
5th XI	3rd	16	6	4	3	2	1	196
6th XI	7th	16	4	9	2	1	0	127
Women's 1st XI	4th	8	2	5	0	1	0	61
Women's 1st XI (EWPL Hundred)	2nd	8	5	3	0	0	0	18
Women's 2nd XI	1st	10	7	0	0	2	1	131

Another fantastic year of cricket for the Herons, despite the wet start to the season, with success for many of our men's, women's and junior teams.

The men's 1st XI won the Dukes Essex League Cup, finished third in the league, made finals day of the Essex T20 competition and the quarter finals of the National Cup for the third year in a row. Robin Das played several first team matches for Essex in various competitions, and Ali Zeb has been captaining the Essex Academy team, so continuing the pipeline of Wanstead players getting county recognition. The 2nd XI won their league and the fourths stopped a run of 3 successive relegations, however the 3rd XI were unfortunately relegated despite some excellent performances from several juniors. The 5th and 6th XIs had enjoyable seasons again, giving cricket to many young juniors and not so young fathers. The women's 2nd XI won their league, although the 1st XI were less successful, finishing fourth.

JUNIOR SECTION

Our juniors have excelled again with the girls truly having a breakthrough year. Having trained hard through the winter and enthusiastically through the summer, supported by an excellent coaching team, the girls certainly reaped their rewards this season. Over the winter, the U14s won the Met Essex Indoor Cup and using that as inspiration, the girls went on to become U11 and U13 County Cup Champions and U14 Met Essex winners. A young U15 team were also County runners up. So well done to all involved, there is much to build on and not content with their year, the girls have already started their winter training. We're after a national trophy!

For the boys, the U16 team completed an admirable hat trick of wins, adding the U16 Essex Trevor Bailey Matchplay Competition to their county wins at U12 and U14 level in earlier years. This was a big team effort, but a special mention goes to Sulayman Tahir who hit back-to-back undefeated centuries and averaged 133 in the competition. There were creditable performances across all the teams and we were always competitive. Special mention to the U9s - we had two teams in the Plate Final, and the U11s who won the midweek league and were runners up in the Haydn Davis trophy.

FOOTBALL SECTION

It is with regret this may be the last Snaresbrook FC report. Since leaving the Olympian league to join the Essex Alliance league they had two great seasons, going undefeated in the league in the 2022-23 season to win promotion and then last season finishing Runners-Up in Premier West so gaining promotion to the senior league. This, however, would have meant having to play Home games away from Nutter Lane and causing more financial strain on a small squad. The management felt it best to turn down promotion and carry on playing in the same division. However, at the start of new season unavailability of some existing players plus unsatisfactory replacements being found, led to a decision not to run a side this season. On a plus side there is a successful Soccer School being run on Saturdays with Competitive small-sided games and some 11 aside games played on a Sunday thus carrying on the tradition of football being played at Nutter Lane.

SOCIAL & BAR SUBCOMMITTEE

Cricket Week was again the highlight of the social calendar. The intention is to hold more social events and in November we held a very successful Race Night. We are still seeking a Chair for the Social Subcommittee. If anyone is interested, please contact Scott Emmons.

During the year Zak McGrath, a lifelong club member, became Bar Manager and Emily Redding took the role of Assistant Bar Manager. We would like to thank them for their hard work over the summer. As stated above in the Management Committee Report the absence of a big T20 day in May, and more weather-related lost days led to a reduction in bar income.

GROUND SUBCOMMITTEE

As hopefully most of you will have seen in practice over the past few seasons, we have endeavoured to improve the facilities, playing surfaces and general surrounding areas at both Overton Drive and Nutter Lane. We invested a large sum on the outfield in 2023 at Overton Drive but, unfortunately, due to a number of factors, the work was carried out late in the year and the grass took time to recover, leading to a poor state of the outfield for a large part of last season. Coupled with two broken rollers during pre-season and poor weather, the pitches at both grounds for all teams were sub-par during the season. The drainage that was installed, however, worked excellently and a number of games and training sessions were held which would have been cancelled due to water logging in previous years. We have continued to increase our investment in the outfield which should be in far better condition for next season and, hopefully, with the chance for some proper pre-season preparations the quality of the pitches will be much higher. The grass banks at Overton Drive have undergone another renovation and are looking excellent and the gardens and hanging baskets looked fantastic throughout the year – many thanks to the gardeners and a special mention to Pinder Grewal for their efforts during the season.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

As ever, the club must acknowledge the enormous debt of gratitude that it owes to those members who continue to put in hours of unpaid work in running the club. An effective volunteer team is essential if we are to continue to be a successful and progressive recreational community cricket club.

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Income & Expenditure Account
Year Ended 30th September 2024

		2024	2023
		£	£
Income	Bar Sales	88,519	94,847
	Subscriptions	45,142	39,635
	Match fees	30,727	25,182
	Grants/ sponsorship	14,300	21,014
	Donations etc.	14,363	4,735
	Ground & Pavilion Hire	18,773	16,042
	Net Social income	(931)	367
	Sundry income	(121)	3,608
	Interest and dividends	1,251	1,924
		212,023	207,353
Expenditure	Bar Costs	91,872	92,589
	Rent and rates	5,214	4,966
	Ground expenses	56,908	46,172
	Pavilion expenses	31,765	21,969
	Heat and light	15,518	14,381
	Match expenses	24,393	22,639
	Juniors expenses	13,971	16,470
	Insurance	6,026	6,779
	Printing & Telephone	411	352
	Sundries	1,854	1,711
		247,931	228,027
	Deficit of income over expenditure	(35,908)	(20,674)

Note: Net Bar income

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
Sales	88,519		94,847	
Cost of Sale	(43,669)		(43,098)	
Gross Margin		44,850		51,749
Staff Cost	(38,257)		(40,387)	
Other Expenses	(9,946)		(8,744)	
		(48,203)		(49,132)
Net Bar Income		(3,353)		2,617

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Balance Sheet at
30th September 2024

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
Pavilion				
Cost	36,634		36,634	
Less Depreciation	<u>(36,634)</u>		<u>(36,634)</u>	
Shares in Wanstead Sports Grounds Ltd		6,205		5,905
Current assets				
Stock	6,745		9,080	
Cash at bank and in hand	16,320		53,304	
Debtors	<u>(2,224)</u>		<u>2,780</u>	
	20,841		65,164	
Creditors	(643)		(8,757)	
Net current assets less current liabilities		<u>20,198</u>		<u>56,407</u>
		26,404		62,313
Represented by general fund at start of year		62,313		82,987
Deficit income for year		<u>(35,908)</u>		<u>(20,674)</u>
		26,404		62,313