

Wembury Grasshoppers Cricket Club

The Grasshoppers were founded as a supporters club for Wembury Cricket Club but then developed into a playing veterans team. The original objective was to take a share of the expenses associated with maintaining the ground at Wembury House and in doing so keep fees for all players at an acceptable level.

Since 1 February 2001, when the Wembury Cricket Club stopped using the facilities, the sole responsibility for the upkeep of the ground has fallen to the Grasshoppers.

The Grasshoppers also endeavour to raise funds for distribution to local good causes.

The club is based at The Odd Wheel and post match festivities are held there as, are all official meetings.

Although the club started as a veterans team it has developed into a team of mixed ages. Membership is gained by invitation and approval of existing Grasshoppers. High standards of skill are not demanded, but mature conduct, both on and off the field, are expected.

The Cricket is light hearted, everyone is expected to bowl and batsmen have to retire if they score more than 25 in a 20 over game or 30 in a 30 over game.

Membership fees are £20 per year. In addition players pay a match fee of £5 per game. Fines are levied after matches for feats of outstanding mediocrity and also showing skills exceeding those expected of a Grasshopper. These fines rarely exceed £2. A raffle is held after most games the proceeds of which go to our charity fund. New players will be allowed to play up to 3 matches before membership fees become due. Existing members should pay their membership fees before any games are played.

Grasshoppers are expected to make the effort to make themselves available to play as many of the 30+ matches as possible. (Most matches are played on Wednesday evenings and Sunday afternoons.) In the unlikely event of there being a need for team selection the final responsibility will rest with the Match Captain.

At weekend games tea is served between innings. For home games members are expected to bring a contribution of a plate of sandwiches, cake or other items suitable for a cricket tea. Any assistance from family and friends with the preparation or washing up is gratefully welcomed.

The Committee is grateful to accept all offers of help in organising and running events aimed at providing a good time for members and others as well as raising funds for local good causes. Members should look forward to a good social side of the club and to that end are encouraged to meet at the Odd Wheel on the first Friday of each month during the closed season and to bring their partners along.

The Grasshoppers Cricket Club exists to play limited over cricket against teams of equal incompetence and to raise money for local good causes whilst having a very good time.

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OFFICERS for 2009

Patron	Mr T Hanbury	
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