



CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY CRICKET CLUB

Draft Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Held at Sawston & Babraham CC

on Thursday 16th January 2025 at 7:00 pm

Present: Simon Seabrook, Cindy Tai Lim, Andrew Abbott, Jane Reeson, Ajaz Akhtar, David Swannell, Ken Smart, James Williams, David Ash, Steve Kent-Phillips, Ian Rippington, Derek Wing, Keith Coburn, Geoff Beel, Stephen Whiting, Russell Doel, Rob Benson, David Ellis, Ian Reeves, Paul Tibble, Nicholas Cliffe

Item No	Comments
1	Apologies Apologies were received from Les Mills, Ian Liversedge, Francis Gaimster, Martin Stephenson, Richard Bamford, Kim Smith, Dave Smith
2	Welcome from the Chairman A one-minute silence was observed to honour the memory of two members, John Gillett and Norman Alterton, who sadly passed away in the last year. The Chairman welcomed all members to the AGM. The Chairman thanked Ian Reeves and David Ellis for hosting the meeting.
3	President's Comment Our patron, Derek Wing, read comments from the President: <i>"Firstly may I apologise for not being with you tonight as I have succumbed to a heavy cold. Last year I said how much I had enjoyed my first year as President and 2024 was even more enjoyable as not only did we reach the semifinals of the one day competition, the super 12s in the T20 competition and 3 wins out of 4 matches in the championship, we also had an incredible amount of exciting finishes and some special individual performances. Here's looking forward to another enjoyable and successful year."</i>
4	Minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 10th January 2024 were circulated by email and by post prior to the meeting. No comments or amendments were received. Proposed by: Jane Reeson Seconded by: Steve Whiting The minutes were unanimously approved as a true record of the 2023/24 AGM.

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5	<p>Chairman's Report (Attached as Appendix 1)</p> <p>The Chairman's Report was circulated prior to the start of the meeting. The Chairman invited questions from the members regarding the report.</p> <p>Steve Whiting expressed disappointment that during the Showcase Game last season, members were not allowed in the pavilion. The Chairman responded that this was due to Surrey CCC's decision to limit pavilion access to players, officials and committee members.</p> <p>Steve Whiting also raised concerns about the absence of a PA system at the game, which left spectators unaware of the game's developments. The Chairman responded that the lack of a PA system was due to cost control measures, given financial losses of over £1,000 for organizing this event.</p> <p>Keith Coburn inquired about the pitch inspection by the ECB prior to the Showcase Game. On this occasion no inspection was undertaken. The Chairman clarified that Robin Parker and other senior umpires had officiated a university match at the ground a month prior to the game and found the wicket to be in good condition.</p> <p>The Chairman acknowledged the concerns raised and expressed understanding of the disappointment experienced by spectators and committee members, despite the significant effort put into organizing the event.</p> <p>As there were no further questions, the Chairman's Report was formally accepted by the members.</p>
6	<p>Secretary's Report (Attached as Appendix 2)</p> <p>The Secretary's Report was distributed to all members prior to the start of the meeting. As no questions were raised, the Secretary's Report was unanimously accepted.</p>
7	<p>Captains and Coaches Reports</p> <p>The reports of the Captains and Coach were distributed prior to the start of the meeting.</p> <p>CCCC White Ball Captain's Report – Callum Guest (Attached as Appendix 3)</p> <p>CCCC Red Ball Captain's Report – Wayne White (Attached as Appendix 4)</p> <p>Coaches Report – James Williams (Attached as Appendix 5)</p> <p><u>7.1 Players Availability</u></p> <p>Dave Swannell raised concerns about the availability of players across all formats.</p> <p>James Williams highlighted two key aspects affecting availability:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Players prioritising club games over NCCA matches. • A significant number of injuries among senior players which impacted the white ball season more than the red ball. <p>Andy Abbott stressed that availability issues are expected to continue due to conflicts between ECB competitions and NCCA fixtures.</p> <p><u>7.2 Players Movement</u></p> <p>James Williams confirmed the re-signing of Nikhil Gorantla from Northumberland and stated that players from the previous season are re-signing and staying with the team.</p>

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7	<p>Captains and Coaches Reports</p> <p>7.3 Outsiders James Williams reiterated the ongoing use of ‘Outsiders’ while striving to develop local talent. There are only a few Premier League teams in the county, which could limit the development opportunities for emerging players. The goal is to minimise reliance on outsiders in 2-3 years.</p> <p>7.4 Transition to Division One Steve Whiting raised the question of whether Division One attacks are anticipated to be more potent compared to Division Two. Keith Coburn acknowledged that there is a significant gap between the two divisions. The Chairman emphasized the team’s main goal of maintaining their place in Division One and building stability and growth within the division. The Chairman expressed optimism about a productive pre-season at Loughborough.</p> <p>The Chairman formally thanked both captains for their professionalism and leadership throughout the season. Thanks, were also extended to James Williams for his efforts in collaborating with the captains and keeping both the Chairman and Team Manager informed. The Chairman noted the team’s success both on and off the field as a testament to their dedication and teamwork.</p>
8	<p>Team Manager’s Report (Attached as Appendix 6)</p> <p>Team Manager’s Report was circulated prior to the start of the meeting.</p> <p>The Chairman introduced David Ash (Dash), who was appointed as the new team manager last season. Dash took over some responsibilities to alleviate the workload of the chairman. Dash summarised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A standout initiative, involving not just the 1st team but also younger players and the 2nd XI team, totalling around 37 participants at the two-day pre-season training at Loughborough. • This experience proved invaluable, particularly for younger players stepping up to fill availability gaps. • Final game against Norfolk was highlighted as a defining moment, with young Routledge delivering a gutsy performance, batting nearly three sessions to score just over 50 runs. • Such perseverance and talent reflect the strength and character of the team. • T20 remains a significant opportunity, as demonstrated by moments of brilliance last season. • Last year’s inconsistent results with the T20 (win one, lose one) are seen as an area to address. • Starting this season with 50-over games offers a chance to build team spirit and momentum, which could enhance T20 success later in the season.
9	<p>2nd XI Manager’s Report (Attached as Appendix 7)</p> <p>The 2nd XI Manager’s Report was circulated before the start of the meeting. Dave Swannell’s summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Praised Routledge for his exceptional performances, noting that his passion for cricket has been reignited over the past three years with the 2nd XI. • Emphasized the success of the player pathway, led by James Williams and supported by other coaches,

	<p>in nurturing young talent.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reaffirmed the importance of continuing to develop younger players, expressing confidence that such efforts will yield long-term benefits. <p>The Chairman thanked Dave Swannell, James Williams and Ben Clilverd for running the 2nd team.</p>
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10	<p>Financial Statement from Finance Committee (Attached as Appendix 8)</p> <p>Financial Statement for the year ended 30th September 2024 was circulated before the start of the meeting.</p> <p>The Chairman's summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Finance Committee 2023/24 comprised of Andy Abbott, Cindy Tai Lim and himself. Noted that payments to players require the approval of at least two committee members. Reported that the year had been financially challenging due to increased costs associated with a higher number of games compared to 2023. Rising expenses were highlighted in areas such as facilities, catering and travel for players. Discussions with the ECB hinted at a potential shift towards self-funding after 2028, reinforcing the need to build reserves and secure sponsorship. Both National Counties and member clubs must work together to create a comprehensive plan for the future. <p>Andy Abbott's summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emphasized the financial pressures stemming from rising costs, particularly for match-day expenses and catering. Acknowledged the vital support from sponsors PACAIR, Mitsubishi and Caterfix, whose contributions amounted to nearly £6,000. Acknowledgement was given to the Chairman and Ajaz Akhtar for their efforts in securing these sponsorships, especially in a climate where sponsorships are increasingly difficult to find. The committee aims to maintain a reserve equivalent to 18 months of running costs to ensure operational continuity in worst-case scenarios. Members were encouraged to propose creative ideas for fundraising to help build financial resilience. The county remains committed to supporting clubs and fostering talent through the pathway programme, which requires sustained funding to achieve long-term goals. <p>10.1 Social Media</p> <p>Russell Doel queried the difference in social media expenses between this year and last year. The Chairman clarified that the £3,300 covered a full-year agreement, while £1,936 was for half a year.</p> <p>10.2 Hotel Costs</p> <p>Keith Coburn expressed concerns about rising hotel costs, as the NCCA covers player accommodation expenses for away games. The Chairman explained that for home games players travelling long distances, particularly to Peterborough and Sawston, were accommodated at the club's expense in reasonably priced hotels to reduce travel strain.</p>

	<p><u>10.3 Sponsors</u></p> <p>It was acknowledged that securing sponsorships is challenging in the current economic climate. To attract sponsors, the county must offer tangible value in return for their support. The county is collaborating with the Cricket Board to address sponsorship issues.</p> <p>David Swannell suggested to seek sponsorship for our professional to alleviate financial burdens on the club. He expressed willingness to explore the possibility of finding a sponsor.</p> <p><u>10.4 Rising Costs</u></p> <p>General recognition of increasing costs across all areas. Suggestions were made to explore ways to generate income on match days to offset rising costs.</p>
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10	<p>Financial Statement from Finance Committee (Attached as Appendix 8)</p> <p><u>10.5 Sundry Match Costs</u></p> <p>Dave Swannell is asking for clarification regarding the sundry match costs of £72 for the 1st XI match. Andy Abbott clarified that this amount is for match balls.</p> <p><u>10.6 NCCA's Performance-linked Financial Rewards</u></p> <p>Financial rewards tied to team performance introduced for 2023/24. Teams ranked higher in competitions receive additional funding e.g. Rank 1st - £4,000 bonus, ranked 20th - £200.</p> <p>The Financial Statements for 2023/24 were proposed by Ian Rippington and seconded by Ken Smart. Accounts were unanimously approved by the members present.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Andy Abbott and Cindy Tai Lim for maintaining the accounting records and Paul Tibble for verifying the accounts.</p>
11	<p>Safeguarding Report (Attached as Appendix 9) and EDI Report</p> <p><u>11.1 Safeguarding Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safeguarding Report was shared before the meeting. The Chairman expressed thanks to Jane Reeson for implementing an away game contact process. All Safeguarding policies are current and available on the club's website <p><u>11.2 EDI Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ajaz Akhtar reported collaboration with the Cambridge Cricket Board, who oversees the broader EDI Policy. There have been no issues to report. Ethnically diverse players were welcomed and supported at Loughborough, with appropriate arrangements for a prayer room and halal food. Policies are in place to address media and press-related matters. <p>Russell Doel emphasized that the current focus on player needs is essential but also highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The opportunity to increase income by diversifying the membership base. Expanding inclusivity within the club could attract a broader range of members, enhancing funding opportunities and fostering stronger connections. The club is encouraged to consider initiatives such as theme days or other events to attract a more

diverse audience.

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Election of Officers

The following were proposed as Officers of the Committee for the year 2024/25:

Position	Nominated	Proposed	Seconded
President	Martin Stephenson	Derek Wing	James Williams
Chairman	Simon Seabrook	Derek Wing	James Williams
Vice chair and EDI	Ajaz Akhtar	Geoff Beel	Ian Rippington
Secretary	Cindy Tai Lim	Ken Smart	Jane Reeson
Finance Committee	AA/CTL/SS	Ian Rippington	Ken Smart
Safeguarding	Jane Reeson	Ajaz Akhtar	Ian Rippington
White Ball Captain	Callum Guest	James Williams	Steve Whiting
Red Ball Captain	Wayne White	James Williams	Ken Smart

The election of officers was unanimously approved.

Item No

Comments

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General Committee

The following were proposed as General Committee Members for the year 2024/25:

Steve Kent-Phillips proposed that the list of General Committee Members be approved en-bloc.

Nominated	Proposed	Seconded
Andrew Abbott (County Board Director)	Geoff Beel	Ian Rippington
Dave Swannell		
Ken Smart		
David Ash		

The election of the General Committee Members was carried unanimously.

The Chairman invited questions from the floor.

Keith Coburn queried whether Wayne White is the only professional player for the county. The Chairman confirmed that Wayne White is the sole professional player. James Sykes is paid for participating in the one-day games but his remuneration is sponsored by Ajaz Akhtar from Caterfix.

Dave Swannell stated he would look into securing a sponsor for the county’s professional player.

The Chairman reported that the question of merging with the Cricket Board was raised at the CPA meeting. The Chairman emphasized that any potential merger with the Cricket Board would require member approval through an EGM, as it is a member’s club.

The Chairman expressed gratitude to Sawston & Babraham CC for hosting the meeting and thanked all members for their attendance.

Meeting closed at 20:02 pm

Appendix 1



Cambridgeshire County Cricket Club AGM 16/01/25 – Chairman's report

Good evening and welcome to Spicers home of S&B CC. May I wish everyone a Happy New Year and look forward to a warmer 2025 cricket season.

Before I start looking forward a quick review of 2024.

Thank you to the committee, scorers and players for a successful 2024 season. I would also like to thank those clubs who hosted us in 2024 and especially Sawston and Babraham CC who stepped in at the last minute when we had to move the 3-day game from Fenners.

I would like to congratulate James Williams in leading the players with the captains to a successful 3-day Division 2 promotion to a tough Division 1 in 2025. So close but perhaps too far in the 50 over trophy by losing to Norfolk CCC in the semi-final and making the Super 12 in the T20 but losing out to a very strong Oxfordshire CCC. Overall, a very positive outcome to the season. I challenge James and the captains to bring a one-day trophy home in 2025 and to have a strong presence in the 3-day testing competition.

The 2nd XI had a tougher run this year, however, after a mixed season I am sure they will come back stronger in 2025.

In regards of the Showcase game, I am sure the members present at the AGM will ask questions and instead of writing here I will with the committee take questions or comments, but I would like to single out Dash, Jane and Andy who worked so hard pre, during and post the game. I would point out comments from afar within minutes of the abandonment of the game are not welcome without knowing the facts but any criticism or fault in the end ends with myself as Chairman in agreeing to play at Fenners after many meetings and a review of the square with the Cambridgeshire County Pitch Advisor.

In 2024 due to their performance and commitment we handed out 3 county caps, Wayne White, Callum Guest and Lee Thomason. Congratulations to all three players.

The Maurice Crouch Cambridgeshire County Cricket Club Player of the Year is Wayne White. Congratulations Wayne well deserved.

I would like to thank our sponsors PACAIR/Mitsubishi Electric and Caterfix. All have confirmed their continued support for 2025.

Now to comment on the future of National Counties cricket and even recreational cricket. We have received our new 4-year funding through the NCCA from the ECB. The increase received is a small increase in comparison to the cost-of-living crises and cost inflation of playing cricket at this level. All costs are on the up as we all know, which also affects cricket across the board and the 3-day game is now a very expensive event to play.

This new 4-year funding ends January 2029 and I am now concerned after the recent CPA meeting, I attended with the ECB and reading the signs, it is becoming clear that the future of NCCA cricket is under the microscope or even threat due the ECB investment into the FC game. The current senior leadership of the ECB are focusing on the FC and Hundred games; it seems recreational cricket to NCCA cricket isn't as important now to the ECB.

As Andy as stated I wouldn't be surprised if the funding for NCCA cricket was stopped after this current funding we now have just entered, or even a change or reduction in cricket played with the 3-day competition being dropped.

Keith Coburn wrote a good piece in the local Cambridgeshire BBC website regarding the demise of local league cricket.....unless the leagues and the local boards get a grip of recreational cricket themselves by agreeing and supporting changes that attracts young people into cricket then our sport will become a very minor sport within 2 decades. We cannot wait on the ECB we must work within Cambridgeshire to drive the growth of the game. A complete review of how we play the game and engage with young people not in private schools as state schools are playing less and less cricket despite the efforts of Russell Doel's team of taking cricket into schools.

The ECB focus quite rightly on girls, ladies' cricket, disability and equality is all valid and needed, but caution must also be raised with investment and support across the game at our level.....one example is the ECB withdrawing support of Over 50 County Cup cricket.....what's next?

I appreciate this part of my report is pretty alarmist, negative and may cause dispute or anger in some areas, but I feel under the current ECB senior executive and management, cricket as we know it will suffer unless we take the lead and work together as a county club, board and leagues, together.

Finally, yet again the Showcase game is planned for 2025, and we have been drawn against Middlesex. We are not hosting and have informed Middlesex; at present we cannot agree a date due to the congested FC fixtures especially when their 4-day season starts in early April they are not interested in playing a T20/50 over game which is more beneficial for us. James, Andy and Dash are managing this and once we know the outcome we will inform the members. If we cannot agree a date, then we will not play this game due to our heavy schedule too.

My final comments are thanks to our President Martin Stephenson who has been a great source of support with guidance and has been nearly at most of the games in 2024. His commitment to the county has been greatly appreciated by all, but especially the players. I would be happy to take any questions from the floor.

Simon Seabrook, Chairman 12/01/2025



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY
CRICKET CLUB**
- Competition Tables -



National Counties Championship Eastern Division II 2024

	<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Drawn</i>	<i>Bat</i>	<i>Bowl</i>	<i>Pen</i>	<i>Points</i>
Cambridgeshire *	4	3	0	1	7	16	0	75
Hertfordshire	4	2	0	2	13	16	0	69
Norfolk	4	1	2	1	8	13	0	41
Northumberland	4	1	2	1	4	13	0	35
Cumbria	4	0	3	1	9	16	0	29

* Promoted to Division I

[Championship Competition Summary](#)

National Counties Trophy Group 1 2024

	<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Aban</i>	<i>Pen P</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>Nett R R</i>
Cambridgeshire *	4	3	1	0	0	6	0.33
Bedfordshire *	4	2	2	0	0	4	1.13
Northumberland	4	2	2	0	0	4	(0.01)
Lincolnshire	4	2	2	0	0	4	(0.15)
Cumbria	4	1	3	0	0	2	(1.57)

* Qualified for Quarter
Finals

[Trophy Competition
Summary](#)

National Counties T20 Cup Group 2 2024

	<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Aban</i>	<i>Pen P</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>Nett R R</i>
Norfolk *	6	3	1	2	0	8	0.44
Lincolnshire *	6	2	1	3	0	7	0.39
Cambridgeshire *	6	2	2	2	0	6	(0.07)
Suffolk	6	0	3	3	0	3	(0.87)

* Qualified for Super 12s

[T20 Cup Competition
Summary](#)

East of England Development Competition 2024

	<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Aban</i>	<i>Pen P</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>Nett R R</i>
Bedfordshire 2nd XI	5	4	1	0	0	8	1.19
Suffolk 2nd XI	5	4	1	0	0	8	0.50
Hertfordshire Stags	5	3	2	0	0	6	0.61
Cambridgeshire 2nd XI	5	2	3	0	0	4	0.50
Essex Development XI	5	2	3	0	0	4	(0.55)
Norfolk Lions	5	0	5	0	0	0	(2.38)

Appendix 2



Secretary's Report for 2023/24 AGM

Good evening everyone, and thank you for attending the Cambridgeshire County Cricket Club Annual General Meeting. It is my pleasure to report on the progress and activities of the club and its committee over the past year.

- the committee has carried out its duties and obligations efficiently over the last 12 months including; minutes from every meeting, actions properly recorded and accounts that are transparent and verified.
- growing membership with 12 honorary members, 32 life members and 43 ordinary members.
- a remarkable season in 2024 with our 1st XI securing promotion to Eastern Division 1 and making it to the Super 12's and Trophy semi-finals – a tremendous achievement that we are all incredibly proud of.
- while a good season for the 2nd XI, unfortunately they were unable to retain their league title.

From the scorer's perspective it has been a pleasure and a privilege to participate

- well organized match days, ensuring smooth running throughout the season.
- training for live streaming, that has added great value to match days.
- for the first time, scorers from all divisions of the National Counties Cricket Association held virtual meetings, facilitating better communication.

It is with deep sadness that we share the news of the recent passing of two esteemed members of our cricketing community.

John Gillett – John was a valued member of the Cambridgeshire Cricket community, serving on the CCCC committee for an impressive 20 years. His dedication to the Club will be fondly remembered by all who knew him.

Norman Alterton - We are also saddened to report the passing of our Honorary Life Member, Norman, who passed away peacefully on 11th November 2024, at the age of 84. Norman was a remarkable cricketer, serving as a former 1st XI fast/medium opening bowler. He achieved the extraordinary milestone of taking over 100 wickets in several seasons.

Both John and Norman left an indelible mark on our Club and community. Their contributions, dedication, and love for the game will always be remembered. Our thoughts are with their families and friends during this difficult time.

Over this year our committee consisted of 10 members and met five times in January, March, May, July and November. Meetings were held in person or via Zoom. The committee are very grateful to our Chairman who was successful to secure increased funding from both Mitsubishi and PAC Air. We would also like to thank Peterborough Town CC for hosting our annual Members' Lunch.

Finally, I would like to thank the committee for their support and all the voluntary work of the many people who helped to make Cambs County Cricket Club successful in 2023/24. Thanks also go to the officials, captains, umpires, scorers, supporters, all the clubs who hosted our games and of course to all our sponsors who made it all possible. A particular note of thanks goes to Caterfix for their generous sponsorship of a player.

We look forward to another successful season ahead!

Cindy Tai Lim
Secretary
Cambridgeshire County Cricket Club
1st XI and 2nd XI Scorer

Appendix 3

Cambridgeshire 1st XI White Ball Review

It was another successful white ball season on paper without winning the long - awaited trophy. A ones day semi-final and reaching the Super 12's of the T20 competition in all honesty flattered what was a pretty poor showing in most matches.

A huge part of the below par performances was the lack of availability from what would be guaranteed starters in almost all fixtures. Consistent clashes with National T20 and 40 Over club matches made it incredibly difficult to get any momentum, trust or consistency around selection.

Around all the negativity with selection, the group that were present for most of the matches battled incredibly well and it did look at a point that our name was on the 50 over trophy after some crazy matches.

There were some really positive displays individually throughout the season. Welcoming back Ben Claydon to the county of his birth was an enormous boost and he really showed his class with one of the best innings since I've been captain with his match winning 96 not out against Lincolnshire. The introduction of CYC players Henry Wilson in the NCCA Trophy was a positive alongside Alex Peirson's innings under pressure in the infamous win against Cumbria show there is scope for the future.

As a whole, we need to get our heads around how and what is the best way to get the best team possible for Cambridgeshire. For us to have a chance and win a white ball trophy we need the best team out in EVERY game and this is something that isn't happening consistently enough for us to be truly competitive.

Callum Guest

Appendix 4

Cambridgeshire CCC Red Ball Captain's Report 2024

Firstly, I would like to thank the county for allowing me to play as the professional once again, it's a great honour and one I don't take for granted. I really enjoyed the season, despite the aches and pains of approaching 40. 2024 was a year I think we should look back fondly on.

I would like to thank all the board members, scorers and players for the support this season and the previous years. Especially to Simon Seabrook and James Williams who keep the ship running, supporting the captains, organising the players logistics and making sure everyone is well looked after. I would also like to thank everyone involved with Cambs for the support for my young family through the season, it really does go a long way and it doesn't go unnoticed.

I would like to thank Peterborough once again for hosting the 3-day game which was cruelly rained out on the last day. I believe it be the best cricketing wicket at our disposal and long may we continue to use it.

To Sawston at such short notice to put on the 3-day game was really magnificent. It was probably for the first time in a game for me representing Cambs, and I believe the rest of the players though the same it felt like we had a big home following for that game. The atmosphere was superb. I hope we can keep these two grounds for next season.

We obviously achieved our aim of promotion and returning to the Div 1, and I believe we now are in a very strong position as a county to compete and challenge for the top 3 trophies.

We played really well for the most this year and showed some good progression over the course of the last 3 seasons in 3-day cricket.

There are a couple of mentions for some of the players, but really everyone was outstanding who played 3-day cricket for us this year.

Our recruits in Matt Rees and James Cox were outstanding in their ways and I think backed up our stance to look outside the county for an opening attack. Both will bowl all day long, Matt is and a captain's dream in hitting the top of off and is no less skilful. James is a match winner, and just a player that you want on your team rather than playing against you. I hope we continue to look after and support them in the coming years.

Callum Guest once again was outstanding in his leadership in white ball cricket and also his performances on the field. James Sykes for playing some 3-day cricket for us this year was a real bonus and have encouraged him to continue in 2025. Having a spinner, we can trust in this competition is probably the biggest piece of the puzzle to solve and it really is reassuring to have him bowling from one end.

The fixtures themselves...

Hertfordshire at Peterborough we were leading the game heading into day 3 before overnight rain ruined any chances of a low second innings chase, as we had them in real terms 50-5 in the second innings, I am very confident we would have completed the win had the weather not intervened. Once again, we showed some good signs with both bat and ball without ever really being ruthless but never less a good team effort.

My experience of playing in Cumbria is that it doesn't usually follow a normal game pattern. We really did have the worst of the conditions after losing a day, the ground was borderline unplayable but hung in the game long enough to look like maybe getting away with hard fought draw. Luckily for us James Cox and James Sykes showed their class, we caught everything and will go down as one of the unlikeliest wins in Minor Counties History.

Northumberland at Sawston was a very good performance and showed our strength and depth when we have a full team. Minus losing Lee Thomason through the match, we were faultless as we won with pretty much two sessions left after batting twice. It was also great to see Ben Claydon back after nasty injury in the season. He will be key in the future success of this team.

The final game at Manor Park, was a topsy Turvy affair but once again the opening partnership of James Cox and Matt Rees managed to bowl Norfolk out on the last day. Will Routledge played an outstanding knock in the second innings to set this up, and showed a real coming of age at the very best time.

I feel relaxed in that fact that I think we are in a much better position in all departments as a county then when I joined, the squad is strong and getting stronger and there is a very nice feel to the players we have. It's very welcoming and I am certain that local players now feel it's an environment that they want to be involved in. The challenge now is for our young players is to start shifting the "promising youngster" tags and get their teeth stuck into scoring big runs (in all competitions) and being consistent with the ball, this will allow us to continue to play local/homegrown players.

Competition for places will be strong this coming year, and I believe we may even have a couple of very good players who have thrown their hat in to play for the county this year after not playing last year. And from my conversations with people outside of the county, they realise Cambridgeshire are a professional and well drilled team with many outstanding individual players.

When I took over the captaincy after relegation from Div 1 in my first season, I have had the motivation and desire to take the team back to a stronger position than the place I found it. I am now very at peace with the fact we have done that together through building some consistency through all we have done over the past few years on and off the field. I believe the team have a good chance to win the Div1 should we continue to perform and have consistent selection.

I would be happy to play and captain if selected and the committee are happy with the team's progress. I would also encourage some discussion about whether there are other options that might be explored, some potential succession planning in terms of leadership

Either way I am happy to support in any way I can,

Wayne White

Appendix 5

Cambridgeshire County Cricket Club – 2024 Season Coaches' Report

The 2024 season has been a reasonably successful campaign for Cambridgeshire County Cricket Club. Underpinning our success has been a blend of experience, emerging young local talent, and creating an environment for players wanting to succeed at National counties level.

On paper looking at the season, gaining a place in the super 12s, a semi-final in the 50 over and winning Division 2 of the championship it looks like a successful year. However, I feel it is a year of what could have been. Unfortunately, with availability and injury problems at key points of the season, we probably didn't get our strongest teams out at the right times. But, as I said all the way through the season, this gave opportunity to others in the squad, and I cannot fault the way they played. We know that teams in national counties cricket are ever changing, and it was vital we gave some of our younger talent the opportunity to play and gain valuable experience.

We had some incredible team and individual performances throughout the year, Wayne White's brilliant 199 v Northumberland, Ben Claydon's debut 90*, James Cox, 7fer v Norfolk, 2-day Championship win v Cumbria bowling them out inside 13 overs will still go down as one of the most incredible wins I have seen at this level. But the performance that overshadows this is the win against Norfolk to win the Div 2 title. After a poor day one, 'Norfolk were in control' but as the team had shown all year, they got themselves back in the game bowling them out with a 1 run lead. Will Routledge then battled through facing close to 200 balls for a brilliant 60 on a challenging wicket and then another outstanding bowling display from James Cox with another 7 wickets (13 in the match) got us an incredible win and promotion back to Division 1.

As a team I was immensely proud of the progress made this year. The players have shown remarkable growth, both individually and as a team, rising to challenges across all formats and with the young talent we have coming through I am really excited to start the 2025 season.

A huge thank you to all the players that have given up so much time this past year. They have been incredible to work with on and off the pitch. A massive thanks to both Captains Wayne & Callum to whom none of this success would have been possible without. Their desire for Cambs to win games and trophies portrays in the way they lead and play their cricket, and the players can see this, and that attitude has been infectious within the group. Finally, thanks must go to the Chairman, Simon, Dash, Andy, Cindy, Rips and the rest of the committee for their support and hard work this year. The players and I recognise the work you put in over the course of the year and appreciate you are all volunteers that want to see the county succeed and hopefully we will continue with more success in 2025

James Williams

Appendix 6

Cambs CCC Team Manager report 2024

Started in role Feb 2024.

Attended and supported 2-day Training session @ Loughborough Easter 2024.

Great idea to include ALL players in Squads from both 1st/2nd Elevens plus key junior players.

Attended ALL 1st XI matches with exception of 2 away fixtures where I was unable due to prior engagements. Many thanks to Andy & Ken who stepped in to cover.

Gained in self-confidence as season progressed and I got to know the Team personnel better. Tried to make the County players feel more like a Club side, taking pressure off.

Built strong relationships with Coach and other Committee members.

HIGHLIGHTS:

2 Day Training camp @ Loughborough. 30+ players attended. External coaches supported the event and added specific expertise. Witnessed the start of more of a Club feel within the teams which definitely helped in Our Success during the season.

3 Day win at Norfolk on final day Not only a Great result with Promotion gained but also one of the BEST days I have ever had Cricket related!!!! It did indeed go very quiet

Receiving such positive feedback from Our opposition around the facilities and welcome given at both Peterborough & Sawston.

Performances by some of Our younger players who have come through the 2nd XI. We are undoubtedly well placed with the depth of local talent coming through.

2025 OPPORTUNITIES:

Repeat the Pre-season 2-day session it definitely worked!

Focus on player availability earlier in season. Early season was difficult with Cambs struggling to find form due to poor availability. Going to cover this at Loughborough and try to highlight this issue.

NCCA swapping T20/50 over comps will help Cambs T20 is an opportunity to win in 2025 as it will come after the 50 over comp. We are Good at this format but need more consistency (Break the win 1 lose 1 pattern)

Continued focus on my role development; allowing me to take more match day leadership from Chairman.

Focus and mentoring of strong Junior involvement. Aim to further develop and intergrate local Cambridgeshire players.

David Ash

Team Manager

Appendix 7

CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY CRICKET CLUB 2nd XI **2024 SEASON REPORT FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Good evening everyone.

The 2nd XI side again entered the East of England Development Competition, with the hope of retaining the winners shield and thus obtaining a hat trick of victories from the previous two seasons. I certainly would have backed us to do so, as a majority of the side was retained from the previous years, such was the young age of the players that had been on the pathway, so ably managed by James Williams and his team. However, as we know, Cricket can be a funny game in relation to results, and they did not go as I expected.

The first game at Saffron Walden against Hertfordshire was rain affected, with over 4 hours being lost, and the match reduced to 25 overs a side eventually. The toss, won by Cambs, had already taken place at 10.45 due to a delay in the conditions, and just as the match was to start, the weather again closed in and remained unplayable until mid – afternoon. At one point, it seemed there would be no play at all but with a little persuasion, the ground staff [Sniper +1!!] relented, and play got underway, with Cambs only making 111 from 23.2 overs - only Alex Pierson & Nick Huckle batting with any application, against some accurate Herts bowling. We bowled tightly, but the Herts Captain steered his side home with a patient 38 not out, leading to a 5-wicket defeat with 4 overs to spare.

There was still a lesson to be learned from this – it's not always advisable to go hard at the start and you rarely recover from being 63-6 after 11.2, no matter how good you are.....it needed a little more application & assessment from the earlier batters to ensure we posted a better target.

It seemed the words of the Coach & Captain had been adhered to by the time of the next fixture at Manor Park against Norfolk, as although we got off to an absolute flier, courtesy of newcomer Ralph Hayward [39 off 19] getting us to 71 in 6 overs, the side batted solidly all the way down, to make 299 all out in the 50 allotted overs. Will Routledge made a typical 80 and Henry Wilson a better than run a ball 43. This proved all too much for Norfolk, who succumbed to 121 all out inside 34 over, with 3 wickets each for Josh Porter & Alex Pierson.

The Norfolk game gave first XI Manager Dave Ash the opportunity to see what young talent was available – I think he enjoyed it and I thank him for covering the game for me whilst I was out of the Country.

When the fixtures were made for the season, we ended up needing to test our resources & availability, with 2 games in 2 days in mid-August, against Suffolk and Bedfordshire. This was to prove interesting, as it still hoped to arrange at least one longer format game in the future each year to again develop the scope of the side.

The match at Wisbech against Suffolk was another solid winning performance on a tricky surface, with 3 spinners mainly restricting the opponents to 210-7 in their 50 overs, with Huckle taking 3 for 46. Huckle also

made a well-constructed 83 off 96 balls, during a stand of 140 in 26 overs with another newcomer, Ethan Rice, who made an impressive 70 not out from 96 on debut. This broke the back of the Suffolk resistance, and a victory by 4 wickets, with 8 overs to spare was thoroughly deserved.

The side travelled to Potton to face Bedfordshire the next day, with 5 changes having to be made, which although disruptive, proved what depth is available. None of the replacements were new to the side, and it was good to see that the squad was capable of fielding sides of equal strength on consecutive days.

Against a strong & experienced Beds side, 7 of whom had Senior side experience, we batted erratically on a helpful wicket for the bowlers, with only the Captain Ben Clilverd mastering the conditions, making 57 bating at 8 and steering the side to 192 in 50, after being 110 for 8 after 34. This was the only time in the season Ben really had to contribute with either bat or ball, which is again a sign of the talent maturing, under his respected guidance. In reply, Beds got home with 7.4 overs to spare for the loss of 7 wickets, with Sam Robinson taking 4 for 30 in his 10 overs. It was noticeable the main contributors for Beds, Tarling & Moughal have played regularly for the Beds Senior side.

The final game was back at Walden and the usual high scoring affair against Essex, unusually on a Sunday, rather than midweek, on a hot day and the usual flat pitch. Essex won the toss and happily elected to bat, and really put the Cambs bowlers to the sword, with none of the six bowlers used going at less than 6 an over, Porter being the best, taking 4 for 75 in his 10. At 223 – 3 after 31, it already look like a big chase, but credit due, we recovered slightly to restrict Essex to 340 all out in the last over. The Essex Captain, Haris Usman made an exhilarating 95 from only 60 balls, with eight 4's and eight 6's, and at times Cambs did not know where to bowl to him or the fields set. A poor fielding performance didn't help with 6 dropped catches, and at 47 for 5 in the 10th over, we were really looking down the barrel at a heavy defeat. Enter Ethan Rice, who along with Eden Scott, our new Keeper/Batter, Huckle [again] and the Captain, rescued the situation to get us to 256 for 8, in the 38th. Less than 90 to get in 12 overs was not a tall order, and you could see Chris Scott, the Essex Manager/Coach, getting very twitchy for the 2nd year in a row. However, it was not to be, and once Rice fell for 119 from 95, going for another straight maximum, there was just not enough support for the Captain to get us home, as we finished on 295 from 43.2 overs. Seven overs to get 45? I would take that any day of the week with wickets in hand but the poor performance in the field came back to bite Cambs.

So, overall slightly disappointed the side could not make the hat trick of titles but there was still a lot of pleasing performances – the emergence of Ethan Rice, the continuing consistence performances of Nick Huckle, Eden Scott looked very neat & tidy behind the stumps in the 3 games he played, particularly bearing his age in mind [17] and George Gowler looked good at Wisbech and should be ready to push on next year. Josh Porter & Sam Robinson were as always, reliable and proved capable enough to play for the Senior side during their winning 3 - day Campaign. Henry Wilson & Will Routledge are now almost established in the same side, which proves the pathway for recognition is working as it should.

Some thank you's to finish – to Saffron Walden & Wisbech for hosting our three games, to Cindy for her usual accomplished scoring, to James Williams our Head of Cricket Development for coaching on the day and his input on selection – I truly do not know how he has the energy to keep going through the summer with all his involvement.

But the final recognition and thanks is once again to the Captain, Ben Clilverd, who once again nurtured this side to giving their all for him – he is very highly respected by all who play for him and he truly leads by example, even if doesn't need to contribute. I could not run this side without him and I appreciate all he does from the front & behind the scenes to make my role that much easier. it really is a pleasure to work with him and I hope he comes back to take up the challenge again, in whatever form that maybe.

Thank you Mr Chairman.....I move.

D P Swannell January 2025

Appendix 8

Cambridgeshire County Cricket Club AGM Finance Report

With the current economic climate another year has presented the Finance Committee with some challenges to keep costs down.

But this is not always possible, especially with match costs. Ground Hire, extra hotels bills and catering costs all going up and with the extra games of reaching the Super 12's final day in the T20 and the Semi Final of the 50 over Competition this had led to a large increase in match day costs which contributes a large part of the deficit for the year.

However, we are lucky that we have good sponsorship from PAC AIR and Caterfix Ltd and our thanks go out to them. Thanks, must also go to the Chair Simon Seabrook and the Vice Chair Ajaz Akhtar who have both been able to secure the sponsorship deals and I am pleased to advise that both have agreed to continue for the 2025 season.

Administratively we now operate a proper accounting system in Quick Books, which we were able to secure a minimal cost. All expenses and invoices payments must be dual approved and are settled within 7 days of receipt.

We have over the last two seasons reduced the cost of administration. We no longer pay any Honorariums. There are no Payroll costs or Accounts review cost which brings me on to our Independent Reviewer Paul Tibble who was able to prepare the accounts in record time at no cost other than his £15.00 Membership thanks Paul and for all the help.

Going forward we are at the start of a new 4-year agreement between the ECB and NCCA and hints are being dropped that we might have to be self-funded beyond 2028. It would help if members could come up with further sponsorship or ideas for funding in order that Cambridgeshire retain their place back in the top Division.

Andy Abbott
16th January 2025

Appendix 9

CCCC Safeguarding Report

Very pleased to report that we are fully compliant with all DBS checks done and all staff have undertaken EDI training, we have as a committee and club adopted the ECB Safe Hands Policy.

We set up in 2024 an away from home contact person this was someone not travelling to the game and could be used as a point of contact holding all medical and contact details of next of kin should the need arise.

We continued to use a live streaming poster at games in which a player was playing aged 18 and under, again this was not always done by other teams but we will continue to do so.

Under 18's continued to be allocated single rooms at away games in line with the ECB guidelines.

I am pleased to report no safeguarding issues occurred in the 2024 season.

Jane Reeson
CCCC Safeguarding Officer
7th January 2025

