OUR IMPACT
2018/2019

ENHANCING LIVES THROUGH CRICKET
Thank You From Our Chairman

The last eighteen months – from April 2018 when we launched our Friends fundraising scheme, to the summer of 2019 when we saw, for the first time, Hub cricketers take on MCC teams across the UK – have been momentous for the MCC Foundation.

We ran 50 Hubs over 2018/19 and will expand to 54 in 2019/20; we held our first Activation Day during a Test Match at Lord’s, raising our profile amongst English and Irish fans; we broke the world record for the longest indoor cricket match; and we funded a totally new cricket league for state-educated secondary school students in Westminster.

This year has also seen more people than ever before join our community of supporters. Your generosity and enthusiasm has enabled us to be more ambitious in our remit, and build sustainable plans for the future. I would particularly like to thank our Benefactors, whose generosity has totally transformed the impact we are able to make.

Looking to the future, we will focus on ensuring our Hubs target areas of greatest need and, in addition to continuing to provide opportunities for people across the UK, we want to deliver projects overseas.

I hope that, in reading this, you will be proud of the good work we have achieved together.

With best wishes,

Phillip Hodson
The MCC Foundation Cricket Hubs

2018/19 has been another successful year for our cricket Hubs, and we are delighted to be in a position to expand and enhance the programme next year. All Hubs are funded for a minimum of three years to ensure they have sufficient time to make a long-lasting impact on their participants and build up local support.

50 HUBS

In 2018/2019
50 HUBS ran across the UK

84% boys engaged
16% girls
1,900 young cricketers

73% of parents said their child appears more confident in general as a result of attending the MCC Foundation hub

1,900 young cricketers engaged
84% boys
16% girls

96% of parents said the MCC Foundation Hub improved their child’s ability to work well in a team

31% of participants were selected for a representative district, borough, or county programme after attending the Hub

87% of participants said they made new friends through the Hub

87% of participants felt they were a better cricketer as a result of attending the MCC Foundation Hub

85% of participants said they made new friends through the Hub

85% of parents said the Hub improved their child’s ability to work well in a team

87% of participants said the Hub has increased their desire to keep playing cricket

81% of participants said the Hub improved their tactical understanding of the game, and that they were able to apply this knowledge in their Club matches this summer

85% of those who progressed onto a representative programme attributed this to the training they received at the Hub

These statistics come with a 95% confidence level and a 5-6% margin of error.
Feedback from the 2018/19 Hubs Programme

“Having two young female coaches being good role models for both my girls has been important. I think seeing successful, athletic and vibrant women in these roles has been really good to inspire them to realise that, yes, it can be a male-dominated sport but actually they’ve got their place as well and that they can look up to and inspire to be like these women.

“In terms of off the pitch, the skills they have been able to take away from the Hub can be seen in how they deal with certain situations. If there is something tricky or difficult in their way, having been here and gone through training they have that sense of digging deep and saying ‘ok I need to persevere to actually master that particular skill’, and then the reward and satisfaction is huge for them.”

Alison, whose two daughters attend the Brighton Hub

“My daughter goes to a school in York where cricket is not even part of the curriculum so to have this opportunity for extra coaching is brilliant. She comes home from these sessions with a real drive and desire to improve, and I have seen in our club nets sessions that she really can now compete with boys of her own age.

“The coaches give her the self-belief that she is as good as the boys, and with teenage girls, having the right mind set makes a big difference.”

Simon, whose daughter attends the York Hub

“Our son has completed four seasons at the North Oxfordshire Hub and benefited enormously from it, not just in terms of the obvious improvement in his cricket, but in the development of his character. […] the Hub is an environment where determination, respect, teamwork, fitness and technical cricket skills are all taught. These are, of course (with perhaps the exception of cricket!) all essential life skills that the children absorb, often without realising, in a genuinely fun and enjoyable atmosphere.”

Trevor, whose son attends the North Oxfordshire Hub
Regional Out-Matches

This summer, for the first time, our Hub participants had the chance to put their skills to the test through a series of five regional Out-Matches against MCC sides. Trials were held to select Hub XIs to represent the MCCF Hubs in each region, and the Out-Matches took place throughout July.

The Hub teams won one, drew one and lost three matches. The matches provided a valuable opportunity for these young players to experience a higher level of game than they typically have access to, and gave MCC playing members the chance to see first-hand the impact the Hubs are having for the next generation of young cricketers.

In May, some attendees of our girls' Hub in Felsted had the chance to play alongside MCC Women in a match against Felsted School. We will continue to work with MCC to identify more opportunities for our under-15 players to test themselves in adult cricket.

“I really enjoyed the match and I thought it offered a more competitive fixture than some of our current matches against schools with much older cricketers. I hope that we can continue to support these Hub fixtures in future years. […] The rationalisation of district cricket matches and the earlier identification of players onto a county pathway risks missing players who develop later, or enter the game at Under-13s level. The role of the Hubs are even more important in this context.”

Gareth, who represented MCC in the Midlands & East Out-Match

“The game was absolutely brilliant! I don’t know about my son, but I was a little daunted when I saw the size of the other team! But all the boys stepped up and really showed their colours. This was helped by the opposition being a friendly bunch. Such a great opportunity, and a thrilling match. After all of their hard work, I felt that the boys really demonstrated their progress and commitment. My son was absolutely buzzing at the end.”

Claire, whose son played in the Central & South West Out-Match

“The game was an amazing experience for my son. He so often plays 20/20 matches so to play in an all-day game at such an amazing venue was a great opportunity for him. The extra cricket coaching he received throughout the winter with the MCC Foundation Hub also really helped to improve him.”

Andy, whose son played in the Central & South West Out-Match

FRIDAY 5TH JULY
Wales and North West Out-Match, Rydal Penrhos School
MCC (204-2) beat the Hubs (98 ao) by 106 runs

TUESDAY 9TH JULY
Midlands and East Out-Match, Nottingham School
MCC (217-3) drew with the Hubs (163-9)

FRIDAY 12TH JULY
Central and South West Out-Match, Dauntsey’s School
MCC (199-2) lost by 1 wicket to the Hubs (203-9)

MONDAY 15TH JULY
London Out-Match, Dulwich School
MCC (193-1) beat the Hubs (123 ao) by 70 runs

THURSDAY 18TH JULY
Northern Out-Match, St Peter’s School
MCC (212-3) beat the Hubs (123 ao) by 90 runs
The MCC Foundation in Westminster

Throughout June and July, the Foundation worked with MCC’s Community Development Department to fund a competition for local state secondary schools in Westminster – The MCC Foundation Westminster League. This is the first cricket league of its kind in Westminster, and for many of the young people involved, it was their first experience of playing competitive cricket.

In the context of funding cuts to youth services in Westminster, initiatives such as this are also of great importance in providing young people in the local area with safe recreational opportunities, and the chance to learn new skills and be active.

This year, around 100 children took part in the MCC Foundation Westminster League. We intend for the League to become an annual fixture, reinforcing the existing work MCC Community do to deliver cricket in local schools.

80% of participants said that taking part in the League made them want to play more cricket

77% of participants told us that the League increased their confidence to play competitive sport

89% of teachers found that the League encouraged their students to treat each other with more respect

89% of teachers said the League has made cricket more popular at their school

“I finally can play the game I love and be a part of a team!”

Year 7 student who took part in the MCC Foundation Westminster League
The second day of the England v. Ireland Test saw the MCC Foundation take over the ground with a series of activations and fundraising activities. The highlight of the day was undoubtedly seeing some of our younger Hub participants enjoying the opportunity to play on the outfield during the lunch break.

Following England’s dramatic World Cup victory on the same ground less than two weeks earlier, the day provided a chance for us to draw attention to the importance of nurturing enthusiasm and widening accessibility to the game among the next generation of young cricketers – and to demonstrate how the Hubs are contributing to this mission.

The 2019 cricket season has also seen the launch of a new initiative, allowing spectators to donate their £1 reusable cup deposit to the Foundation by returning their cup to donation points located at each of the gates. Across the season, almost £9,500 was raised for the Foundation through this scheme, so thank you to everyone who returned a cup to us!
The Hubs

In 2019/20, nine new Hubs are set to open in Birmingham, Leicester, Bristol, Sheffield, Leeds, Liverpool, Newcastle, Durham, and Keswick. The first six are major cities with large populations and significant demand from both boys and girls. The latter three, all in the north of England, are areas where girls’ programmes had been started by local cricket boards but then suffered funding cuts, so we will be opening girls’ Hubs in these three areas to ensure high-quality provision remains.

We will further be expanding our provision for girls by adding eleven girls-only sessions to existing Hubs in Bolton, Dulwich, Eastbourne, Framlingham, Lord’s, Nottingham, Oxford, Scarborough, Slough, Taunton and York. This year, 16% of Hub participants were female – next year, we want to increase this to 30%.

We continually review the performance of all Hubs, and are committed to ensuring funds are directed to support areas of greatest need, where we can have the most significant impact. For this reason, we have taken the decision to close five Hubs next year – Colchester, Exeter, Hastings, King’s Lynn, and Salisbury. All five Hubs had run for at least a three-year period, but more recently demand had waned.

What Next?

The MCC Foundation in Nepal

Last year, the Foundation committed to working with MCC to maximise the long-term benefits of MCC’s Legacy Tour Programme in Nepal. MCC will send touring teams to Nepal for three consecutive years, with the first of these tours taking place in November 2019.

From November 2019 to June 2020, we will work in Pokhara, the second largest city in Nepal. The Foundation will work in partnership with Nepali charity, Kidads, to organise cricket festivals for local schools, up-skill local coaches and teachers to deliver cricket, and develop facilities.
Where Your Money Goes

TOTAL INCOME
£744,000
Sep 2018 – Aug 2019

TOTAL SPENDING
£421,000
Sep 2018 – Aug 2019

10% of our total income came from Gift Aid
£149,143
The Foundation also received in-kind support from MCC and other organisations, in particular facilities that host Hubs, totalling:

- 48% Benefactors
- 13% Friends
- 14% Hub Sponsors (4% corporate sponsors, 4% charitable trusts, 6% individual donors)
- 13% MCC
- 9% One-off Donors
- 3% Events/Match-day Fundraising
- 49% Cricket Hubs
- 1% Local Community Work
- 1% Programme Development
- 37% Management Overheads
- 8% Donor Stewardship
- 4% Fundraising Activities
We would like to thank everybody who supported the MCC Foundation this year, and in particular the following:

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