

Sports Club AGM Cricket Section Report – November 2025

Good evening everyone and thank you for the chance to highlight the position of Broxbourne Cricket Club following the end of our 2025 season.

We had a season of unprecedented success on the field, continuing to operate 5 adult male teams, our Ladies team and a full range of age group teams:-

- The 1st XI were champions and are now promoted to the Herts Premier League for the first time in our 177 year history.
- The 2nd XI were champions and promoted for the second year in succession
- The 4th XI were champions whilst the 3rd XI missed out on promotion by just a handful of runs in their last game.
- Our Under 15 boys won their cup competition beating Bishops Stortford in a nail-biting local final.
- And our formidable Ladies team were a creditable second in the inaugural Herts Premier League whilst winning their Hundred Cup competition.
- Even our paying guests on Sundays – Graces Cricket Club – were promoted from their league.

As with any of our sections, there was an army of people behind these successes and I would like to thank everyone who played a part.

Overall membership numbers for the club have been largely stable with senior male members increasing year on year since 2023 from 31 to 40, whilst the Ladies team is in need of reinforcements, though we hope that we can develop and retain junior talent through the age group categories in place – the hope is to make Ladies cricket a core function of the club with a 2nd XI in place in three years' time.

It will be a challenging season ahead for our 1st XI with the step up to the top level of local cricket. That will be supported by the appointment of a new Head Coach to give structure and support to the whole club. We continue to employ a professional in James Logan who had a staggering season in 2025 and will be aiming to have an overseas player on board – and we can only hope he will have an impact as positive as that of Sam Neale last season.

Behind all of that has been a major effort to drive sponsorship income and - assuming everyone pays up - we have gone from around £4000 in 2023 to at least £21000 for 2026, and I'd expect to see an increase in our membership fees for 2026 to ensure we continue to make a healthy contribution to the Sports Club.

We have a growing reputation as a premier place to come and play cricket with Hertfordshire representative fixtures being played here, England Over 50s regular visitors and the T20 Finals day being a huge success, not only for the cricket played, but as an exercise in collaboration between cricket and hockey sections meaning that the Sports Club also made good income on the day from food and the bar – and thank you to everyone involved that day and to our bar staff for their smiling service throughout the year.

As a club we are very proud of our history and place in this vibrant community at Broxbourne – long may every section thrive and work together to continue to grow. Up the Badgers and though it's a bit early, Merry Christmas to all!!!