



Supporting Statement

HADLEIGH CRICKET CLUB 2014

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

**Provision of New Changing Rooms, Toilets &
Improved Bar & Meeting Room area**



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1.0 SUMMARY OF PROJECT

1.1 PURPOSE

To enhance the facilities at Hadleigh Cricket Club to meet the needs of the club both on and off the pitch. To provide better facilities for the membership both playing and social and to encourage new membership. The proposed extension to the existing facility will provide three new changing rooms, including an officials changing room with showers and toilets. The facility will have improved access, including disabled access. This extension will replace the existing changing rooms and toilets. The improved layout will allow the separation of the Bar areas from the changing rooms facilities. This will allow for example only the changing rooms to be open on training nights, and only the Bar area to be open on function events.

1.2 INTRODUCTION

Hadleigh Cricket Club is located in a picturesque part of Hadleigh, just away from the towns High Street. The club is approximately 10 miles West of Ipswich. The facility serves the town of Hadleigh and surrounding villages within the district of Babergh.

The facility is a single storey cricket pavilion with approximately 4.75 acres of sports field including a cricket nets practice area.

Hadleigh Cricket Club has been in existence for over 230 years, making it one of the oldest clubs in Suffolk. Reference is first made to cricket being played in Hadleigh in 1779, with the first recorded match in 1788. The club has played at its current ground since 1893, and members of the club purchased the ground in 1938. A Declaration of Trust accompanied the sale, which stated that the cricket meadow 'should be used as a recreation ground in perpetuity and that the club, while it exists, shall have use of the ground'.

1.3 BACKGROUND

The past five years has seen significant growth and development at Hadleigh CC and as a result the current facility can no longer support the level of current cricket activity at the club.

Hadleigh CC has grown in membership especially within our junior section. We have introduced a girls section and this has provided additional members. Our junior section now provides cricket for both sexes from under 8s through to our academy team providing cricket for juniors coming out of junior cricket.

However the current facility has been unable to match this growth and it is therefore vital that the club is able to improve its facilities in order not only to maintain the existing level of participation, but in order to further develop the club in accordance with our ECB Clubmark plans.

The extending of the current facility will also be of great benefit to the local community of Hadleigh and the surrounding villages. Organisations such as Hadleigh Badminton Club, Hadleigh Cycling club are desperately short of meeting facilities and have expressed an interest in using an extended and improved facility.

1.4 THE PAVILLION

In 1965 the clubs present pavilion was opened, and in 1970 Hadleigh CC became a founder member of the Suffolk league. During this period the club was one of the leading teams in the country, winning the Suffolk league in 1974 as well as competing in the newly formed Two Counties Championship. The club improved its facilities through the 1970s and 1980s, with success on the field being matched with some committed fundraising off it. The playing surface was levelled in 1979, a development that gives the ground its distinctive 'bowl' shape, and the pavilion extended in 1990.

The club marked its Bicentenary in 2010 by playing a match at Lord's Nursery Ground and featuring on Sky Sports 'Club Life'. On the pitch the club is once more enjoying a very successful period, with the current 1st XI finishing as the leading Suffolk Club in the Two Counties Championship in 2013.

The current facility was extended in 1990 to provide additional kitchen and bar areas as well as improving the changing facilities in a modest way. There have been no further structural changes to the facility since this time.

1.5 TENURE AND OWNERSHIP

Hadleigh CC holds a 24 year lease of its ground, which will run until 31st December 2033, with an automatic option to renew for a further 24 years. The ground is held in a Trust with the local Town Council, the conditions of which state that the playing area will be used as a recreation ground 'in perpetuity' and by the cricket club for as long as it exists. The decision to take out a lease was made by the club in the 1960s to add further security to its tenure of the ground.

1.6 CURRENT TEAMS

Currently Hadleigh CC is home to:

- Hadleigh CC 1st XI
- Hadleigh CC 2nd XI
- Hadleigh CC 3rd XI
- Hadleigh CC Academy XI

The four senior teams have around 45 senior playing members with the Academy XI being mainly boys from our junior section aged between 14 and 18.

- Hadleigh CC Under 11s
- Hadleigh CC Under 13s
- Hadleigh CC Under 15s
- Hadleigh CC Girls XI

Our junior membership consists of a total of 100 juniors both boys and girls ranging from the age of 7 up to the age of 15.

1.7 HADLEIGH CRICKET CLUB

Hadleigh Cricket Club is the main user group of this facility. They're looking to Sport England to financially assist them with the project as they seek to offer and develop high quality cricket opportunities for all participants in a safe and fun environment. At present the changing facilities and toilets do not meet East Anglian Premier League standards or the demands of the club.

Hadleigh Cricket Club was formed in 1779 and is one of the longest established cricket clubs in the county of Suffolk.

The clubs 1st XI currently play in division 1 of the Two Counties League. The league currently has 10 divisions serving the whole of Suffolk and North Essex.

The clubs 2nd XI play in division 4 of the Two Counties league. We also run two senior Sunday teams with our 1st XI playing in division 1 of the Hunts County Bats League and our 2nd XI playing in division 5 of the Hunts County bats League.

Our junior teams all play in the Ipswich and District junior league at their various age group levels. Our girls' team currently play friendly cricket with the aim of junior sides at Under 11, 13 and 15 over the coming five years.

We are affiliated to the Suffolk County Cricket Board and the ECB. Affiliation numbers are 91 junior, 35 senior, 40 VPs

We are registered with HMRC as a Community Amateur Sports Club. Our Registration Number is CASC 03623.

We were awarded ECB Clubmark status in 2010 and reached Focus club status in 2011. Our status was renewed for another three years in the summer of 2013.

We have a strong committee of volunteers who have made significant progress over the last 5 years in terms of providing high quality cricket development opportunities for the young people within our catchment area.

1.8 GROUNDS AND FACILITIES

In order to meet all of the requirements of each member team our ground has reached its maximum capacity.

The current facilities also do not meet the needs of female and disability cricket.

There are home matches at the ground for our senior teams every Saturday and Sunday throughout the summer. Plus the ground is in use on Sunday mornings for junior matches and every night of the working week for junior and senior practice.

We currently have to move our junior coaching nights away from the ground to facilitate junior league matches being played on the ground at the same time.

This is at considerable cost to Hadleigh Cricket Club as we have to hire an astro turf facility at the local High School as there are no other cricket facilities within the town.

We operate this policy on a rotation basis so that all our junior players have an opportunity to play at the ground which helps to develop the players' affinity and association with the club during the players' initial and final years of junior cricket.

This policy also applies to players' parents who we hope will become future members or volunteers within the club. Our starter team at Under 11 age group are always coached close to the club pavilion so that parents can stay to watch from the comfort of the pavilion.

As part of our policy of club affinity, we insist that all teams play in exactly the same make, design and colour kit. This policy operates from the U11s to the Men's 1st XI.

Another initiative we plan to run once the new changing facility is in place, is to have a Ladies only cricket night. This is planned for a Friday night. This will allow all females of whatever age to use the club exclusively without the concern that they are interrupted by male players wanting access to the changing rooms and toilet areas.

We hope this will encourage greater participation by female players within Hadleigh Cricket Club.

Hadleigh Cricket Club Pitch Allocation

Monday: Under 13 coaching night plus junior match.

Tuesday: Senior Practice

Wednesday: Under 11 coaching night plus junior match

Thursday: 1st XI practice

Friday: Under 15 coaching and Girls cricket coaching

Saturday: AM ground preparation PM Senior Match

Sunday: Am Junior match PM Senior Match

Throughout the week, ground and wicket preparation has to be fitted around this schedule.

1.9 ADDITIONAL GROUND USE

Part 1

In addition Hadleigh CC hosts a number of annual events such as:

- Home for Hadleigh High School cricket fixtures.
- Home for Hadleigh County Primary cricket fixtures.
- Asda Kwik cricket schools finals.
- Suffolk County Cricket fixtures for both under 13 and under 15 age groups.

Part 2

- Suffolk County Cricket Over 50s and 60s fixtures
- Regional events on behalf of Babergh District Council.
- Hadleigh CC annual community summer fete.

- Help for Heroes fundraising day.
- School holiday clubs

1.10 HADLEIGH CRICKET CLUB 1ST XI

Following the restructuring of the Two Counties Cricket League in 2002 the 1st XI found themselves just one point away from playing division 5 cricket, which would have been the lowest in the clubs history.

A development plan was then put together under both a new chairman and 1st XI captain with the aim of the Club achieving ECB Clubmark status and Division 1 cricket by 2010. We achieved the Clubmark status by 2010 but missed the division 1 target by one year!

Our 1st XI is now an established first division club and are aiming to progress to the highest club cricket level possible which is the East Anglian Premier League.

This is a realistic ambition as the average age of our 1st XI is only 24 and the team is improving year by year, just missing out on promotion in 2013 by the equivalent of two wins.

However as it stands at the moment we would not be able to apply for promotion as our changing and toilet facilities do not meet the East Anglian Premier League minimum ground standards with particular emphasis on our lack of changing and toilet facilities for match officials.

Our extension plans will resolve this issue.

Hadleigh Cricket Club provides the only cricket facilities within the town of Hadleigh.

The only other Two Counties cricket club within a 10 mile radius of Hadleigh and offering Division 1 cricket is:

- Sudbury CC

The nearest East Anglian Premier league clubs to Hadleigh CC are:

- Copdock CC - **10 miles**
- Woolpit CC - **25 miles**
- Bury St Edmunds CC - **35 miles**

Without an upgrade to the clubs current facilities the 1st XI will not be able to progress up the cricket club pyramid. This will have a serious effect on the retention of existing players. As a club we do not want to restrict our players' ambition particularly as the majority of our 1st XI squad are under the age of 24 and have developed from the clubs junior teams.

2.0 THE PROJECT

2.1 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

To construct a new changing room extension to meet the requirements of Hadleigh Cricket Club and other sporting partners to the technical standards of the ECB.

The development of Hadleigh Cricket Club over the last 5 years has seen the current provision become unacceptable for all areas of the cricket club with particular emphasis on the junior, girls, ladies and disabled. This situation therefore creates issues for the development plans and child protection policies.

In simple terms the existing facilities do not support the cricket clubs ambitions to:

- Continue to be an ECB Clubmark/Focus club.
- To allow our 1st XI to play East Anglian Premier League Cricket.
- To continue to develop our female section so that we can provide a ladies team in senior cricket by the year 2020.
- To provide safe and appropriate changing facilities for sporting members, visiting teams and officials connected with the club.
- To provide an adequate number of changing facilities for the sporting members on the site.

Hadleigh Cricket Club has responded to the opportunity of sharing their development plans for improved facilities. As a result the Suffolk County Cricket Board have identified this project as a strategic project for 2014. Babergh Sports Partnership has also identified the facility as a venue suitable for regional sport activities including regional sports camps.

Hadleigh Cricket Club in partnership with the Cricket Foundations, Chance to Shine project, continues to deliver cricket coaching in to the local primary and secondary schools.

Hadleigh Cricket Club provides coaching in the following schools:

- Hadleigh Community Primary
- St Mary's C of E Primary.
- Beaumont Primary
- Kersey Primary
- Hadleigh High School

The improvements and development of the facility will enable the cricket club to meet our long term objectives and goals in accordance with our ECB Clubmark long term plan. Our five year plan to 2019 is not only to improve the facility to help increase participation in cricket within the Under 16 age sector but to increase and maintain activity within the post 16 age group. Our female section is a priority within our growth plans and once the new facility is in place we will also be looking to offer cricket for the disabled.

In partnership with our "Chance to Shine" local schools we aim to increase the numbers and help improve the level of voluntary coaches.

In keeping with the aims of Suffolk Sport we look to provide a quality club environment providing more opportunities for more participants, leading to a healthier lifestyle.

Our project also aims to link in with the following indicators within local area agreement:

- Increase in adult participation in sport.
- Create inclusion within the local community
- Increase youth participation in sport.
- Increase female participation in cricket.
- Increase cultural participation in sport.

2.2 LONG TERM OBJECTIVES

- For Hadleigh Cricket Club to become a focal point for the local community, providing first class, safe and appropriate sporting and social facilities.
- For Hadleigh Cricket Club to have an East Anglian Premier League team.
- For Hadleigh Cricket Club to have a senior ladies team.
- For all sections of Hadleigh Cricket Club to increase participation and physical activity levels within the club. At junior level to strive to see the players continue their participation in sport with involvement at senior level when the time arises.
- To ensure all other local community sporting, health and community organisations have full access to the facility.
- To work in partnership with key agencies and schools to enable Hadleigh Cricket Club to develop even further in order to see:
 1. Recognition by the whole community
 2. Closer working links with the local schools.
 3. Greater recognition and reward for the volunteers of Hadleigh Cricket Club.
 4. Continued ECB Clubmark/Focus club status.

Robert Keeble, Pavilion Development Manager

APPENDIX

Hadleigh Cricket Club – 231 Not Out

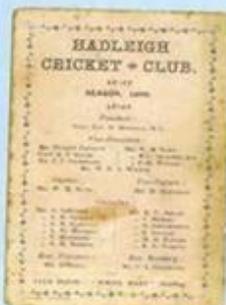
Hadleigh Cricket Club can trace its history back over 230 years – making it not only one of the oldest cricket clubs in Suffolk, but one of the few that pre-date the MCC itself. This year the Friars Road club is celebrating a belated but well deserved bicentenary and here club president Richard English and secretary Gary Wiles take a look at its long and fascinating history.

In 1779, nineteen years into the reign of George III and ten years before the French Revolution, Hadleigh Cricket Club first 'pitched stumps'. To put this date into a cricketing perspective, the MCC, the creators and custodians of the Laws of Cricket, was not founded until 1787. We know that the club was formed shortly after that of Nayland and before Ipswich and Sudbury.

The first recorded match took place on September 29, 1779 - married men against bachelors, with the married men winning by 'three notches'. The first detailed scorecard is of a two innings match away at Ipswich on 20th August 1788, with a return match nine days later. With the only form of transport being horse or foot, a match which involved travel outside of the town must have been quite a spectacle. The Ipswich team's journey in 1788 was described thus: 'the gentlemen of Ipswich made a very splendid appearance on the road to Hadleigh having no less than 19 horse chaises and headed by a coach & four with colours flying & music playing'. Four more games are recorded between 1800 and 1850. At this time boundaries did not exist, bowling was underarm, bats were not sprung and there were no protective pads, gloves or protection for the nether regions.

Not for nothing was cricket called 'the manly game'! During the later 19th century the club's regular opponents included Stoke by Nayland, Stratford and Dedham, Hintlesham, Bildeston and Ipswich & East Suffolk. Games against the latter were played on the hallowed turf of Portman Road, then called Portman Marshes. A match there in 1859 was long thought to be the club's earliest recorded fixture.

We are not certain where the club played its home games during this period, but the most likely location would seem to be 'Mutton Meadow', in the area now occupied by Meadows Way. This was a two acre, 1 rod and 35 perche field owned by one Caleb Kersey who also owned the Shoulder of Mutton inn on the High Street. The 1839 Tithe Map of Hadleigh shows the siting of both meadow and public house, and several scoresheets mention 'Dinner at the Shoulder of Mutton at 6pm.' The club first played at Friars Road, then called Cemetery Road, in 1893. It is not known how the land was acquired but The White Hart, perfectly situated, was surely not an insignificant factor! The pub naturally became the club house, as we know from an 1896 fixture card. The driving forces of the club at this time were the Wilson and Grimwade families, W. M. Nunn, captain for many years, Dr Franey and A. C. King, father of Ken King, the club's oldest surviving skipper. Chisnall, Cobbold and Kistruck are some of the familiar surnames that appear in scoresheets. The memories of Vic Salmon, a future club captain, paint an evocative scene of the club during the early 1900s. The pavilion was a wooden shed, the square cut by hand mower and outfield rolled by a horse drawn heavy roller, the horses wearing protective leather shoes. The outfield was 'cut' by either Red Poll cows or a flock of sheep.



1896 fixture card, including 'Stabling at the White Hart'

It may come as a surprise to learn that the Edwardian club regularly employed a professional. But the social distinctions that divided the first-class game into 'gentlemen and players' were also in evidence at Hadleigh. Professionals were not deemed worthy of having initials before their surname in scoresheets.



The Meadow in the 1920s, a very familiar scene. Note the buildings where the Babergh offices now stand.

They would be expected to work on the ground and bowl to order to members requiring a net. A pro called Lambe was one of Hadleigh's most formidable. 1906 was 'Lambe's slaughtering season' - he won games almost by himself, taking 109 wickets and perhaps more impressively scoring 589 runs on pitches that would be way below today's standards.



1906 team, featuring the slaughterer Lambe'

During the Great War no cricket was played at the Meadow, but several members saw active service. A. C. King served as a despatch rider in Mesopotamia and R. P. Keigwin, who played for Essex and Gloucestershire, was a Lieutenant on HMS Indomitable, being present at the surrender of the German fleet. The club did not get back on its feet until well into the 1920s. The inter-war years were distinguished by the captaincy of A. C. King and the performances of players like Jack Seggar, a fine bowler and the club's long standing groundsman.

In 1938 came one of the most important events in the club's history - the purchase of the ground by the club by means of a bank loan, and the Declaration of Trust which accompanied the sale. This important document declared that the cricket meadow 'should be used as a recreation ground in perpetuity and that the Club, while it exists, shall have use of the ground'.

Once again war stopped play for the best part of a decade. The ground was used by the Army and one of their huts would be inherited by the club as a makeshift pavilion. The first post-war captain was Vic Salmon, a Somme veteran and member of the Hadleigh Home Guard. Times were hard, but the pictures and characters speak of happy times at the Meadow. Salmon was followed as skipper during the Fifties by the likes of Harold 'Tolly' Beer, Sydney Brown, Ken King, Bernard English and Peter Girling. A second or 'A' team was formed, and Dorothy Claireaux saw it all unfold in her first spell as the club's longest serving scorer.



The Suffolk league-winning side of 1974, arguably the club's finest.

The 1960s and 1970s were arguably the club's golden age - or perhaps it just seems that way because they were the prime, the formative years or within living memory of so many current members? Great progress was made both on and off the pitch. The building of the current pavilion in 1965 replaced the old Army hut and brought new revenue, comfort and atmosphere. It has since been extended twice. However, away games were still not complete without 'last orders' in the Hart! The 1st team of the early to mid-70s, featuring the talents of Roy Plumbly, Richard English, David Clifford and Gary Girling, won the Suffolk league and were feared throughout the county.

Playing fortunes have fluctuated in the last thirty years, but the club has continued to develop, expand its playing membership, stage ambitious fundraising events and play an important role in the community. As the club celebrates its past this summer with a series of notable events, including a match at Lord's itself, it has arguably never had a more promising future.

The club's bicentenary brochure, '231 Seasons of Hadleigh Cricket 1779-2009' is available from Keith Avis, The Idler and Partridges priced £10.

Appendix 2

Hadleigh Cricket Club, Volunteers Team 2014

Volunteers <i>(please add N/A or vacant if necessary)</i>	Name	Name	Name	Name	Name	Name	Name	Name	Name	Name
Assistant Groundsmen	Richard Green	Chris Barber								
Bar Manager	Russell Tampion	Simon Gladwell	Peter Tampion							
Chairman	Gary Girling									
Club Caterer	n/a									
Club Photographer	Martin Grayling									
Coach - Young Leader	n/a									
Coach - Level 1	Robert Smyth	Robert Keeble	Ty Anderson	Steve Hawthorne	Richard Shanks	Val Gladwell	Lawrence Woolstor	Steve Tampion	Sam Bassett	Richard Checketts
Coach - Level 2	David Mann	Dave Hinsley	Russell Tampion	Simon Gladwell	Tim Warner	Richard Green	Tom Piddington			
Coach - Club Coach	Simon Manthorpe									
Coach - Level 3	n/a									
Coach - Level 4	n/a									
Cricket Club Development Manager	n/a									
Disability Officer	n/a									
Fixture Secretary	Martin Grayling									
Fundraiser	Russell Tampion	Simon Gladwell	Richard Green	David Mann	Martin Grayling	Steven Tampion	Peter Tampion	John Smyth		
General Maintenance	n/a									
Groundsman	Gary Girling									
Junior Team Manager	Andrew Colcombe	Jo English	Charlie Dawson							
PR & Media	Gary Wiles	David Mann								
School Club Links	David Mann									
Scorer	Brian Fowler									
Secretary	Gary Wiles									
Social Secretary	Russell Tampion	Simon Gladwell	David Mann	Martin Grayling	Richard Green	Peter Tampion				
Special Projects Pavillion Development Manager	Robert Keeble									
Treasurer	Tim Ryder									
Umpire	n/a									
Volunteer Co-ordinator	n/a									
Website Administrator	Martin Grayling									
Welfare Officer	Ivan Kistruck									
Womens & Girls Co-ordinator	Val Gladwell									
Other (Please specify role and name)										

Appendix 3

Hadleigh Cricket Club 5 Year Objective

Club 5 Year Objectives (Aim)	Why ? (Please consider how they may tie in with Suffolk Crickets agreed Outcomes below)
Draw up plans to extend the club pavilion.	So HCC can progress to hold female, disabled and EAPL cricket
Fully price up said extension plans.	By end 2014
Ensure club membership fully support plans	By end 2014
Secure planning permission for extension plans	By end 2014
Secure SCCB support for plans	By end 2014
Explore funding avenues for pavilion plans	Throughout 2014 and beyond
Start building work on pavilion extension	2015 onwards
Explore possibility of second ground for HCC.	2016 season. Need to increase participation at HCC so our cricket club is not for elite only. More places to play will provide more members for HCC
Suffolk Cricket 2013-17	Outcomes
Education	Develop a culture of investing in education for the delivery and support of cricket in schools and clubs Grow the awareness and confidence within schools to deliver cricket
Facilities	Increased investment into facilities to maximise the playing of the game Facilities that meet a standard that encourages player / member retention
Participation	Suitable and affordable formats that ensure cricket is played by the most people possible Growth in the volunteer workforce to support delivery of the game.
Pathway	A focus on high quality player, coach and officials development Clear structured pathway for all participants
Clubs	Clubs who have a clear understanding of their role Strong and sustainable clubs that serve and engage with their community
Communication	Create open communication channels between all partners connected to the game