

Funding Proposal for Berwick Cricket Pitch

I write to request that the next village meeting consider giving up to £1,620 towards the labour costs of a new all weather cricket pitch. I attach a formal quotation to that effect.

The last Village v Pub match was attended by something like 100 people of all ages from the village and vicinity – whether playing, having picnics, talking or just enjoying a wonderful afternoon. This village is so lucky – we have a wonderful old church, a pub, a farm shop and a reading room. So there is something for the religious, the regular, the foodie and the book worm. But there is not so much for the sports minded. I believe that such upgrade of the pitch will appeal not just to another section of the village but also to the young, whether at heart or in body, or both.

The cricket club itself charges no subscription but only a match fee for those who play. At present cash in the bank held by the cricket club totals approximately £290. There are no major projects planned for the next 12 months other than the hoped for replacement of the all weather cricket pitch costing a total of approximately £3,000.

That hugely enjoyable Village v Pub event raised £1,300 which will cover the expected cost of materials within that figure of £3,000. A further £1,620, most of it already matched by takings from the event, is needed to pay for labour costs to prepare and lay the pitch professionally which seems sensible to ensure that the pitch can last for as many years as possible for the enjoyment of all.

As I understand it, the cricket pitch is an asset of the village kindly donated by the Street family rather than something of use to the cricket club alone. Any donation should be viewed on that basis. It will enhance village life for the benefit of all. I hope very much that the village meeting will support this request from the sums raised at the auction.

Best wishes
Henry

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