

## Saxilby Cricket Update, Full Council, January 2022

### Cricket Coaching

- As mentioned last month, I took part in an ECB Foundation 1 Coaching course over two weekends in December
- I am pleased to say I passed this and am now an accredited cricket coach.
- I am now qualified to lead coaching sessions independently and without supervision.
- This is a good starting point as a cricket coach and will allow me to expand to bigger things in the future if I want too, but right now it means I am qualified to lead our Women's Cricket training sessions and any junior cricket training sessions that we look to carry out as we head into the warmer months.
- I'll also be able to lead hardball cricket sessions for children and adults when the time comes.
- I am looking to join the ECB Coaches Association: [England and Wales Cricket Board \(ECB\) - The Official Website of the ECB](#)
- This will provide me with help and support going forward.

### Women's Softball Cricket

- We held two indoor training sessions before Christmas.
- Coaching was provided by my colleague from Heighington Cricket Club who holds the same qualification as me but qualified in late 2019.
- Unfortunately, these sessions were poorly attended. This was due mainly to unavailability in the team due to commitments with children's club.
- Those who did attend had a good time and hopefully learnt something.
- This does however put us in a difficult position regarding our place in the indoor softball league.
- With a lack of preparation and practice I feel it may be unfair to throw the ladies into gameplay against teams who have more experience.
- I will be making a decision on our entry in the coming days.
- If we pull out, we will turn our attention to the summer softball league and being prepared and ready for that.
- I am currently surveying our players to find a day and time that suits a majority to hold training sessions and then will look to book indoor training sessions between now and the start of the outdoor season in May.
- When the weather improves and the clocks change, we'll look to move this outdoors and back in the village. I'll keep Council updated as things progress.

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## Cricket and the MUGA

- I am starting to see where cricket could benefit from and use the MUGA in the future.
- I am however aware of some issues raised in the Sport England response to the MUGA planning application.
- I have raised my concerns about the proximity of the MUGA to a proposed cricket pitch and the distances required from one to the other but was assured this would not be a problem.
- Measurements provided in the Sport England response however state that with the MUGA as proposed, cricket could not return.
- This statement is of great concern to me as Cricket Lead
- However, I have now seen two different sets of measurements required for the distance from the middle stump of any proposed Non Turf Pitch (NTP) to boundary, plus run off area.
- These include: 47.25m + 3m run off (Sport England response to MUGA plans)  
45.72m + 2.74m run off (Documents provided to me by Lincs Cricket in February 2021 (Sport England documents))
- I have attached my document below for you to all look at.
- I believe if the required measurements are the ones, I have been provided with in February 2021 the MUGA should not be an issue.
- However, if the measurements required are the ones stated in Sport England's response, then we have an issue that will need to be resolved.
- I am seeking urgent clarification from the ECB on the situation as I am aware how important both these projects are to the council and the village and will provide an update as soon as possible.
- Sport England also state that a 'ball strike risk assessment' should be carried out prior to the construction of an NTP. This will be my priority in January.

## Priorities for 2022

- Carry out Ball Strike risk assessment.
- Continue to grow Women's Softball cricket with regular training sessions and entry into Lincolnshire summer softball league.
- Second expanded season of All Stars and Dynamos cricket for 5–11-year-olds, in conjunction with Hurricane Sports.
- Installation of NTP
- Resurrection of formal Saxilby Cricket Club.

- Allow council to take a more hands off approach to cricket once club has been established.
- Run summer cricket week in conjunction with Hurricane Sports.
- Formally enter Saxilby Cricket Club teams into leagues for 2023 season.



