

## Saxilby Cricket Update, Full Council, March 2022

### Women's Softball Cricket

- Indoor training began on Tuesday 8 February and so far, we have had three sessions.
- This week's session was cancelled due to the sports hall being used for mock exams.
- Four more weeks of indoor training to go and then we'll move back outdoors into the village.
- Eight individual ladies have taken part in the sessions so far, with at least six attending in each session and I'm hopeful we'll have more newbies in the coming weeks.
- The Tuesday night is cricket night campaign seems to be reaching people which is gratifying.
- It's nice to see people progressing already and myself and my fellow coach, Kit are already able to see which players will take which roles in the team as we head into the summer and the league.
- Hopefully by the next update I'll be able to announce our team Captain and Vice-Captain.
- Over the next month I'll be exploring options for team shirts for the summer league. League rules state that matching tops must be worn.
- I have a list of potential kit suppliers, so I'll be contacting them over the coming month.
- I am open to approaches from local businesses to potentially cover some of the costs of kitting out our team.
- March 4 sees the start of the Women's Cricket World Cup in New Zealand, with England defending the title they won back in 2017.
- Kit and I are coming up with some novel ways to get our team to engage and take an interest in the World Cup, including a sweepstake for the leading run scorer of the tournament, which will hopefully encourage the team to pay some attention to the tournament. There will of course be a prize for the winner.
- Softballs for this summer have been ordered and are due to arrive in the coming weeks. These have been funded by Lincs Cricket.



### All Stars & Dynamos Cricket

- All Stars and Dynamos Cricket sign ups for 2022 went live for all parents on Thursday 24 February following a delay of a week due to technical difficulties.
- At the time of writing, we have two Dynamos sign ups, but no All Stars sign ups, which is a slow start, but a start, nonetheless.
- We're advertising hard on social media and I'm hopeful things will pick up over the coming weeks.
- A few parents have tried to sign up but have experienced difficulties with the payment system, I'm working hard with Hurricane Sports and Lincs Cricket to get these sorted.
- I'm sure our luck will change, and people will start to sign up in the coming days and weeks.

### General cricket things

- Saxilby now has its own site on the 'Play Cricket' site, which is the ECB's club hub where we can manage everything to do with the club, from players to fixtures, matches, scorecards and everything in between.
- I am currently administrator for the site and will be setting up our Women's team on Play Cricket in the next few weeks, including logging players and getting everything ready for when we start playing games in May.
- With a good core of players in the Softball team who want to get involved with more, I'm hopeful we'll be able to move to a position where we can set up the club officially, which will allow us to open a bank account, so then everything will become a bit easier regarding sponsorship opportunities, team kit, playing equipment and accessing grant opportunities to pay for a non turf pitch.
- Lots of exciting things going on in the next few weeks, watch this space.