

Saxilby Cricket update, Full Council, April 2022

Women's Softball cricket

- Indoor training sessions have now concluded following seven successful sessions at Lincoln Christ Hospital School.
- My thanks must go to my fellow coach Kit who has been brilliant with the team over the past few weeks and has really helped to bring the team along in their development.
- Unfortunately, he is unable to get to Saxilby for outdoor sessions at the moment, so I will be running the sessions solo from now on.
- Over the seven sessions we had 11 individual ladies attending, with an average of seven ladies every week, some came every week, and some came for a couple, but I'm really pleased with that number and I am hoping the move back into the village will encourage others to have a go.
- Everyone has made progress and we have a really exciting squad forming.
- By the time of Full Council, we will have had our first outdoor training session of the season on the memorial field.
- The season is fast approaching, with the first round of matches being played on Sunday 1 May with Saxilby's first two games being held at Broughton, versus Broughton and Nettleham starting at 11am and 1pm respectively.
- We have made a number of Leadership Group appointments in the last month with the appointment of a Captain and two Vice Captains.
- Our Captain for this season will be Ruby Adds, who is our most experienced player, having played in the indoor league this winter for Lindum Ladies.
- Ruby's two Vice Captains will be Lydia Hopton and Leanne North, who both bring so much competitiveness and drive to our team and I have no doubt that between the three of them they will form a great leadership group.
- We have now decided on a teamwear supplier and have decided to go with North Hykeham based company TNF Cricket, who will be able to provide us with everything we need now and into the future as the future Saxilby Cricket Club grows. Their website can be viewed here: [TNF CRICKET UK](https://www.tnfcricket.co.uk)
- By the time of Full Council we will have decided on a shirt design for this season and I should be able to show you all that at the meeting.
- Ruby and I will be appearing on BBC Radio Lincolnshire on Wednesday 20 April between 6-7pm to talk about the Women's cricket.

All Stars and Dynamos Cricket

- I have been very disappointed with the speed of sign up for the All Stars and Dynamos programmes for this year.
- So far, we have four children signed up on each programme.

- Given there is now just a month to go until we start on Friday 6 May, I am hoping this number rapidly rises in the coming weeks.
- Ten children on each course would be the minimum I would be happy with.
- Whether the £40 for eight weeks is currently too much for some parents given the ongoing cost of living crisis I don't know.
- Unfortunately, the price setting is out of our hands, and we can't really do anything about that at the moment.
- We have advertised widely with weekly social media posts, adverts in the Foss Focus and adverts in the school parent newsletter.
- I can see people are clicking on the links, but they just don't seem to be signing up.
- We'll keep advertising and hoping for the best and hopefully things will change as we approach the start date.

General Cricket things

- The logo which I created by editing the Parish Council has been deemed too similar to the council logo and a new logo, unique to the cricket club is now being designed and will be finalised soon.
- The Saxilby Play Cricket site continues to take shape and can be viewed here: [Saxilby CC \(play-cricket.com\)](http://Saxilby CC (play-cricket.com))
- I will have a bit more to add in a verbal update at council.