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Emergency support for clubs and leagues



From today, clubs will be able to apply to two new funding schemes specifically designed to help see you through the challenging next few months as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

EMERGENCY LOAN SCHEME

The ECB [Emergency Loan Scheme](#) aims to support affiliated Cricket Clubs by providing interest free loans to assist clubs to cover any shortfall in essential day to day running and maintenance costs until normal recreational cricket activity can be resumed.

Clubs should apply [HERE](#).

RETURN TO CRICKET GRANT SCHEME

The [Return to Cricket Grant Scheme](#) aims to provide affiliated cricket clubs and leagues (open-age and junior) with emergency assistance in exceptional circumstances. Full eligibility criteria can be found in the [Guidance Notes](#).

Clubs and leagues can find out more information [HERE](#).

HOW YOUR COUNTY CRICKET BOARD WILL HELP

Emergency Loan Scheme

When a loan application is received through the ECB [Invest-](#)

[ment Management System](#), CCBs will confirm the club is affiliated to the County Board, and that the information provided is accurate to the best of the County Board's knowledge. Once the CCB has validated the clubs affiliation, the application will be progressed to the ECB Facilities Investment Team.

Return to Cricket Grant Scheme

Your County Board will be the first point of call when applying to the grant scheme, providing eligible organisations with an Application Form. Once completed, organisations will submit their Application Form to their ECB Regional Facilities Planning Manager for review. Contact details can be found in the [Guidance Notes](#).

FAQS AND HELP DESK

Frequency Asked Questions for both schemes can be found [HERE](#) (Emergency Loan Scheme) and [HERE](#) (Return to Cricket Grant Scheme). In addition, if you have any questions about either scheme, please contact the ECB Facilities Help Desk by emailing the relevant contact below:

Emergency Loan Scheme: loans@ecb.co.uk

Return to Cricket Grant Scheme: grantmanagement@ecb.co.uk

OTHER SOURCES OF HELP

There are also a range of other financial support packages that are available to recreational sport and we encourage local clubs to investigate their eligibility for these, which are available immediately subject to meeting the respective criteria. These include, but are not limited to:

Government initiatives: Business Rates holiday, Job Retention Scheme, VAT deferral, Statutory Sick Pay Rebate, Grant funding for rate-paying clubs, HMRC Time to Pay Scheme, Business Interruption Loan Scheme.

Sport England: [Community Emergency Fund](#)

Sport Wales: [Emergency Relief Fund](#)

● Please note there are criteria and conditions to support these initiatives available via the relevant websites.



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Energize Clubs Support

Getting **Hearts** Beating Faster



Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin County Sports Partnership

Cricket Shropshire partner Energize Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin is planning an online support session for clubs next week.

The webinar, Support for Clubs during Covid-19, will take place on Wednesday, April 22 at 2.30pm.

Energize Chief Executive Chris Child said: "The aim of the session is both to provide info to those who might need funding support to help them through the current situation as well as to offer other support / good practice."

"We hope this webinar will provide lots of useful information and support for clubs including how to access and apply for Sport England and other funds during this time."

To access this webinar simply contact Suzy O'Shea – suzy.oshea@energizestw.org.uk – to register your interest and to get the link to the webinar.

DBS, Safeguarding and Board contacts

County Welfare Officer Tracey Pyke now has a new email address and telephone number.

She can be contacted for all safeguarding issues and is also now the point of contact for all DBS applications and queries.

safeguarding@shropshirecricketboard.co.uk

Tel: 07393 995726

The Board is working with a reduced staff during the crisis, but still can be contacted. The primary contact is Steve Reese who can be reached via email steve.reese@shropshirecricketboard.co.uk or admin@shropshirecricketboard.co.uk

Shropshire Women's Hundred

On a positive note, we are still hoping to launch our new Shropshire Women's Hundred competition at some stage during the summer.

And we've come up with a competition for youngsters to get involved with during the lockdown!

The four regional squads have been selected for the competition – the Iron Maidens, Southern Steamers, Severn Storm and Northern Force.

Now we're looking for youngsters aged 16 and under to design logos for the four squads which will be used in conjunction with the competition. For full details and how to enter the logo design competition, see the website [HERE](#).



Coronavirus club survey

Cricket Shropshire has sent out a survey to clubs to gain an insight into what your immediate, medium and long-term concerns are and where you believe SCB can assist.

This information will help you determine your individual club situations and also help us prioritise need for support and assistance.

We have had a good response so far, and have extended the deadline for reply until next Wednesday, April 22.

Any questions please contact Steve Reese 07841 475675

We will endeavour to contact all clubs via phone or video link by the end of April. If you need to access the survey, you can download a copy [CLICK HERE](#).