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Energize Webinar on Club Support



Cricket Shropshire partner Energize Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin recently held an online Webinar on Club Support during the Covid-19 outbreak.

It contained lots of good advice and contacts for sources of potential funding to help sports clubs survive.

Attached here is Energize's PowerPoint presentation during the session, which contains lots of useful information and contacts.

Cricket Shropshire Lead Officer Steve Reese said: "This is obviously a difficult time for all cricket clubs with no games being played to help generate revenue.

"I would encourage all clubs to take a look at the presentation for ideas of possible funding sources to help them through this period."

A link to the PowerPoint presentation which can be downloaded can be found on the Cricket Shropshire website [HERE](#).

A reminder you can also find advice on ECB Emergency Support for Clubs via Emergency Loan Scheme and the Re-

turn to Cricket Grant Scheme via the website [HERE](#).

If your club is a business rate payer, you may be eligible for the Coronavirus COVID-19 Retail Hospitality & Leisure Grant Fund. Details can be found [HERE](#).

If you have not already done so you are encouraged to apply as this may well secure you a grant of £10,000. Simple grant application forms are available on both Shropshire Council & Telford & Wrekin Council websites.

Strategic Leisure Women's Hundred



Cricket Shropshire is still hoping for the all clear to stage its prestigious new Strategic Leisure Women's Hundred later this summer.

The competition featuring four teams made up of the top women and girl players in Shropshire was due to be held in June.

Due to the latest ECB guidance, the original dates have now been postponed, but Lead Officer Steve Reese said he was still hoping to get the all clear later in the year.

All the Ambassadors for the four teams are still keen to get started, and held an online Zoom meeting recently to stay in touch and stoke the rivalries.

"Obviously we will be guided by all the up-to-date advice



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from the Government and the ECB. As it stands, that means there will be no cricket before the start of July.

“But this competition has generated a huge amount of interest when we announced the plans and the squads earlier in the year, so we hope we can get it off the ground later in the summer.

“That might mean playing at a weekend in September rather than evenings in mid-Summer, but it should still be a great spectacle. And thanks to sponsors Strategic Leisure who are still fully behind the project!”

In the meantime, the four sides – Northern Force, Iron Maidens, Southern Steamers and Severn Storm – have launched a logo design competition for youngsters aged 16 and under across the county.

It was launched a couple of weeks ago, and we have decided to extend the deadline until May 22.

For full details, follow the link [HERE](#).

Henshalls Shropshire League update

Following on from the club survey run by Cricket Shropshire, the Henshalls Shropshire County Cricket League has replied to some of the points raised.

Mike Hall said: “Thank you for completing the survey, and whilst there is no point in speculating on when (or if) the 2020 season will start we are in a position to provide some answers in principle to the following concerns that you have raised:-

FORMAT

In the event that a start can be made this season the format will depend on timing of the start and any health and safety/travel conditions imposed by the Government. Promotion & relegation will not apply during a reduced season but, as is usual practice, the league reserves the right to make changes to the structure in 2021 once final numbers are confirmed. The League would not penalise clubs who were unable to raise a team for a reduced

programme of fixtures. If there is not time for a reduced League programme to be arranged it may be possible for friendlies to be played subject, of course, to complying with whatever Government conditions are in place at the time.

CRICKET BALLS

The cricket balls will be the same for the 2021 season and buy back/carry forward options will be available to clubs in all circumstances.

PRE-SEASON DECLARATION FORM

This has not been issued for the 2020 Season. In the event that a start can be made a Pre-season Declaration Form would be tailored to the relevant Government conditions in place at the time.

OTHER MATTERS

Update on delivery of cricket balls. The Dukes County International cricket balls are currently being delivered to clubs and the BAS Test cricket balls should be delivered within the next 21 days but a further update will be issued when delivery details are confirmed.

Shrewsbury & District Evening League

The Shrewsbury & District Evening League chairman Ray Collins has also provided an update for clubs following the survey.

He said: “The S&DECL are closely monitoring the Government guidelines and will continue to be guided by them and the ECB.

“The most optimistic view as cricket “die hard” would hope for half a season, with no promotion and relegation, that said it appears this will be unlikely.

“There are no plans for the cup competition and the season wouldn’t be extended due to the fading light in August.”

“Maybe the best we could hope for were a few friendlies towards the end of the season which we would happily facilitate if required.

“We will continue our dialogue with other Leagues and SCB”

