



HENSHALLS SCCL NEWSLETTER

October 2018

Wem claim title in final day showdown

Congratulations to Wem for clinching the Henshalls Shropshire County Cricket League Premier Division title on a dramatic final day.

The fixture 'computer' served up a thrilling finale with Wem taking on their title rivals Quatt at the Kynaston Ground in the final game – a win for either side would guarantee the League trophy.

Quatt won the toss and decided to bat first – only to see James (6-24) and Tom Astley (3-5) rip through the batting line up as they were dismissed for 54.

In reply, 30 from Alex Ollerenshaw helped ease any nerves as Wem sealed victory for the loss of two wickets to signal the start of the celebrations.

It ended a season which has seen the two sides battle for supremacy in the Premier Division with the lead changing hands a number of times.

Sentinel claimed third place in the League with Madeley fourth, ahead of the major reorganisation which is taking place as a result of the changes in the Birmingham League structure.

Allscott Heath claimed the Henshalls Division One title ahead of Shelton, while the honours in Division Two go to Ellsemere with Montgomery runners-up.

A hard-fought campaign in Henshalls Division Three saw Harpers claim the trophy ahead of Hinstock, while Trysull claimed the Division Four honours ahead of Bridgnorth III.

Worfield II sealed the Henshalls 2nd XI Division One title ahead of rivals Sentinel II with victory over their rivals on the final day of the season at Albert Road.

The Henshalls 2nd XI Division Two title went to Madeley II, again after a final day decider against nearest rivals Newtown II while Pontesbury IIs took the honours in Division Three.

There was an exciting finish on the final day of the Henshalls Sunday Division One campaign with any one of four sides in with a chance of claiming the trophy.



Premier Division Champions Wem pose with the trophy after their final day victory.

In the end the honours went to Worfield III by a single point from Knockin & Kinnerley after both claimed maximum-point victories in their final games.

The Henshalls Sunday Division Two title went to Bridgnorth IV.

Awards Chairman Jamie Dowley said: "Congratulations to Wem on picking up the Henshalls Premier Division trophy after an exciting season of cricket.

"And well done to all the winners of the other divisions. Don't forget that all the trophies, together with the individual batting, bowling and fielding honours, will be handed out at the Annual Henshalls Shropshire County Cricket League Presentation Evening."

That will take place at the AGM which will be held at St Georges CC in Telford on Monday, November 26, starting at 7.30pm. All winning teams individual trophy winners are required to send a representative to the event.



SCCL Committee member Dave Ralphs presents Wem captain Sam Peate with the trophy.



SCCL Divisional Teams of the Year 2018

PREMIER DIVISION

1. Rishav Das (Wem)

2. Steve Pugh (Madeley)
3. Ryan Wheldon (Quatt)
4. Andrew Lloyd (Madeley)
5. Harry Chandler (Wem)
6. Bryn Simmons†* (Worfield)
7. Tom Astley (Wem)
8. Ryan Quiney (Worfield)
9. Dominic Bradburne (Sentinel)
10. Joe Williams (Ludlow)
11. Gareth Jones (Quatt)

DIVISION ONE

1. Carl Starling (Allscott Heath)
2. Josh Keys (Knockin)
3. Mark Jones (Alberbury)
4. Ross Barton (Forton)
5. Adam Shimmons (Albrighton)
6. Owen Morris (Pontesbury)
7. Jason Summers* (Allscott Heath)
8. Sam Griffiths (Shelton)
9. Simon Jones (Wroxeter)
10. Mark Lewis† (Pontesbury)
11. Steve Wilson (Pontesbury)

DIVISION TWO

1. Avi Mathur (Church Aston)
2. Dominic Ashley (Shifnal III)
3. Jonathan Mitchell (Ellesmere)
4. Glenn Edwards (Wiley)
5. Richard Barge (Hodnet, Peplow and Tibberton)
6. Nathan Whittingham (Wheaton Aston)
7. George Duncan (Ellesmere)
8. Sam Williams* (Montgomery)
9. David Ross (Wellington III)
10. Rob Bennett† (Montgomery)
11. Ashley Thomas (Ellesmere)

Division Three

1. Connor Glendinning* (Chelmarsh)
2. Shantanu Golar (Harpers)
3. Harvey Wakefield (Hinstock)
4. Andy Unitt (Chelmarsh)
5. Susrikant Sahoo (Harpers)

6. Andy Green (Calverhall)
7. Andy Darlington (Prees)
8. Duncan Chaplin (Iscoyd & Fenns Bank)
9. Dave Langton (Acton Reynald)
10. Charlie Fensome† (Chelmarsh)
11. Alex Parker (Calverhall)

DIVISION FOUR

1. Rick Jarrett (Harcourt)
2. Guy BlackC (Bridgnorth III)
3. Adam Harris (Column)
4. Sam Sneyd (Column)
5. Simon Cross (Trysull & Seisdon)
6. Niall McAdam (Bridgnorth III)
7. Matthew Bowler Jones (Bridgnorth III)
8. Alex Thomas (Bridgnorth III)
9. Matthew Harris (Quayside)
10. Junaid Shaheen (Trysull & Seisdon)
11. Paul Mantle† (Corvedale)

DIVISION ONE 2ND XI

1. Mike Griffiths (Sentinel II)
2. Lewis Rollason (Worfield II)
3. Adrian Evans (Quatt II)
4. Matthew Jones (Montgomery II)
5. Ralph Bishop (Sentinel II)
6. Piers Rowenhurst (Worfield II)
7. Rob Yewdall (Montgomery II)
8. Simon Topper† (Wellington IV)
9. Naz Akhtar (St Georges II)
10. Matthew Rees (Worfield II)
11. Pete Ezard* (Sentinel II)

DIVISION TWO 2ND XI

1. Richard Smout (Newtown II)
2. Kelvin Rogerson (Broseley)
3. Chris Hodson (Madeley II)
4. Jack Home (Shifnal IV)
5. Greg Lawrence (Cound II)
6. Tony Rowlands (Broseley)
7. Richard Addison (Allscott Heath II)
8. Steve Maiden†* (Madeley II)
9. John Watson (Broseley)
10. Paul Aston (Beacon II)
11. Lol Woodhall (Madeley II)

DIVISION THREE 2ND XI

1. Steve Cowie (Albrighton II)
2. David Morris* (Pontesbury II)
3. Lee Davis (Ellesmere II)
4. Mat Sherwood (Welshpool II)
5. Supul Fernando (Lilleshall IV)
6. Andrew Brooks (Condover II)
7. Mike Ross (St Georges IV)
8. Tom Vickers† (Forton II)
9. Richard Dyer (Much Wenlock II)
10. Daniel Lewis-Lakelin (Pontesbury II)
11. Rupert Redway (Welshpool II)

SUNDAY DIVISION ONE

1. Dan Parry (Cound III)
2. Gareth Masters (Newport III)
3. Rob Matravets (Cound III)
4. Mel Parry (Cound III)
5. Rhys Williams (Knockin III)
6. Russell Morris (Sentinel III)
7. Abdul Khan (Newport III)
8. Shaun Mostert (Wem III)
9. Peter Lewis Bullock† (Sentinel III)
10. Greg Stokes (Knockin III)
11. James Parker* (Worfield III)

SUNDAY DIVISION TWO

1. Alex Starr* (Bridgnorth IV)
2. Tom Griffin (Whitchurch III)
3. Dominic Simms (Madeley III)
4. Henry Roberts (Bridgnorth IV)
5. George Lawrence (Knockin IV)
6. Jack Walmsley (Madeley III)
7. Nathan Simms (Madeley IV)
8. Darren Nudds† (Bomere Heath III)
9. James Marvell (Whitchurch III)
10. Ian Hartley (Madeley IV)
11. Matthew Ross (Madeley III)

Overseas players in bold

* Captains

† Wicket-keepers



A new page has been included on the Henshalls Shropshire County Cricket League website dedicated to our headline sponsor.

It contains information about all the services that insurance brokers Henshalls can offer cricket clubs and individuals.

As the League's sponsor, they can arrange an insurance package that suits the needs of all clubs in Shropshire – you can read more and get in touch with them via following the link ow.ly/Zav430mk1Dg

The page on the website also has a link to one of the latest documents produced by Henshalls about Sports Club and Venue Risk Management.

To find out more, follow the link to the League's website by [CLICKING HERE](#).

You can then follow the link to download a pdf of the document to read and discuss with members of your club's committee.

Top two divisions for 2019 confirmed

With the 2018 season done and dusted, the Henshalls Shropshire County Cricket League's Structure and Membership Sub Committee has been hard at work looking ahead to 2019.

This is going to be a major revamp of the League's structure, following on from the changes which are happening to the Birmingham League.

The Shropshire League is delighted to welcome back Wellington, Newport and Whitchurch to the fold for the 2019 season.

It will also see the 2nd XIs from the sides still in the Birmingham League back in the Shropshire set-up, which means the second teams from Shrewsbury, Bridgnorth, Shifnal and Oswestry will be found places in the system.

And a reminder that the decision has been taken to return to a linear divisional structure for 2019, which means that there will be no separate reserve divisions.

So far, only the make-up of the Premier Division and Division One have been drawn up by the Sub Committee, with the decisions ratified by the SCCL Management Committee.

A strong-looking Premier Division will feature the three sides returning from the Birmingham League alongside 2018 Champions Wem.

They will be joined by Quatt, Sentinel, Madeley, Worfield, Ludlow, Bomere Heath and St Georges alongside Allscott Heath who have been promoted after winning Division One.

In the 2019 Division One, Shifnal, Shrewsbury and Bridgnorth 2nd XIs will take their place alongside Frankton, Newtown and Cound who were all in the Premier Division in 2018.

They will compete against Shelton, Knockin &



SCCL Confirmed Structure – 2019 Season



SCCL Premier Division			SCCL Division 1		
Wellington 1 st XI	1		Frankton 1 st XI		
Newport 1 st XI	2		Newtown 1 st XI		
Whitchurch 1 st XI	3		Cound 1 st XI		
Wem 1 st XI	4		Shelton 1 st XI		
Quatt 1 st XI	5		Knockin and Kinnerley 1 st XI		
Sentinel 1 st XI	6		Pontesbury 1 st XI		
Madeley 1 st XI	7		Alberbury 1 st XI		
Worfield 1 st XI	8		Beacon 1 st XI		
Ludlow 1 st XI	9		Shifnal 2 nd XI		
Bomere 1 st XI	10		Shrewsbury 2 nd XI		
St Georges 1 st XI	11		Bridgnorth 2 nd XI		
Allscott 1 st XI	12		Ellesmere 1 st XI		

Kinnerley, Pontesbury, Alberbury, Beacon and Ellesmere who won Division Two in 2018.

The structure for rest of the divisions (Saturday 2-8 and Sunday 1-2) will be finalised in early November. The League has asked all clubs to confirm their entries for the 2019 season by the end of October.

This means the structure for the remaining divisions will be announced at the AGM which is taking place on Monday November 26 starting at 7pm at St Georges CC.

Clubs should be aware that the League has agreed that Clubmark will be mandatory for all clubs in the top three divisions.

BUT there will be a moratorium for 2019 ONLY for any team in those divisions that isn't accredited at the start of the season.

From 2020 onwards, all teams in the top three divisions of SCCL will have to carry Clubmark by October 31 of the previous year – this will apply to all clubs being promoted from Division Three as well.



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Wellington CC, Shropshire - 5th XI 184-7 (45) 0pts						
rd XI 243-7 dec(35) 25pts						
September 2018						
<div> <div>W</div> <div>Frankton CC - 1st XI 167 all out (38.1) 7pts</div> </div> <div> <div>L</div> <div>Newtown CC - 1st XI 124 all out (29.1) 0pts</div> </div> <div> <div>D</div> <div>Bomere Heath CC - 1st XI 177-7 (40.0) 9pts</div> </div> <div> <div>W</div> <div>Quatt CC - 1st XI 54 all out (36.4) 1pts</div> </div> <div> <div>L</div> <div>Sentinel CC - 1st XI 89 all out (29.5) 24pts</div> </div>						
<div> <div>W</div> <div>1st XI 211 all out (49.3) 24pts</div> </div> <div> <div>W</div> <div>1st XI 130-3 (25.2) 20pts</div> </div> <div> <div>D</div> <div>2, Shropshire - 1st XI 265-8 (50.0) 18pts</div> </div> <div> <div>W</div> <div>1st XI 58-2 (10.5) 24pts</div> </div>						
<div> <div>L</div> <div>1st XI 58-2 (10.5) 24pts</div> </div>						

Winter tidy up on Play-Cricket

The League would like all clubs to do a full 'cleanse' of their Play-Cricket sites over the winter months and remove any players who no longer play for your club.

Any 'duplicated' players should also be dealt with and all entries should have full first and surnames.

This will assist the League in keeping track of registrations and also make it quicker and easier for scorecards to be completed on Play-Cricket.

Please contact Craig Simms via craig.simms64@sky.com if you need any assistance.

Award winners from across the divisions

Allscott Heath stalwart Pete Starling's contribution to his club and cricket in Shropshire has been recognised with a Lifetime Achievement Award.

The Henshalls Shropshire County Cricket League award will be presented to Pete at the AGM taking place at St Georges CC on Monday, November 26 starting at 7pm.

He has been involved in the club for 50 years, and has been Secretary for 49 of them!

He has variously fulfilled the roles of captain, treasurer, umpire, scorer and President, and been a driving force in the club surviving and prospering despite the closure of the British Sugar factory in 2007.

The League batting award goes to Chelmarsh ace Connor Glendinning who hit a record 1,400 runs during the season. Allscott Heath's Jason Summers was the leading wicket-taker with 55, helping his side to promotion, while Worfield skipper Bryn Simmons claimed the wicket-keeping award for his 27 dismissals. Leading fielder this season was another Allscott player, Andy Flann who claimed 17 catches.

Ludlow spinner Joe Williams has been named Young Player of the Season for his performances picking up 44 wickets while Jon Ashton picked up the Panel Umpire of the Season award.

Worfield opening bowler Ryan Quiney is Premier Division Player of the year for his 53 wickets while he also chipped in with 261 runs.

In Division One, former Shropshire opening bowler Adam Shimmons is the winner, with his batting in the spotlight as he hit 527 runs as well as picking up 48 wickets. Avi Mathur from Church Aston will take home the Division Two trophy with 833 runs at an average of nearly 60.

Chelmarsh ace Connor is the Division Three winner – and not just for his batting! He also picked up 48 wickets. All-rounder Adam Harris from new boys Column CC is the Division Four winner for his 20 wickets and 436 runs.

Cound's Dan Parry takes the honours in Sunday Division One where he hit 959 runs in 17 games including five centuries, while the award in Division Two goes to Alex Starr from Bridgnorth XI.

Henshalls SCCL 2018 Season Award Winners

Award	Winner
Lifetime Achievement Award	Pete Starling (Allscott Heath)
Most League Runs	Connor Glendinning (1400) (Chelmarsh)
Most League Wickets	Jason Summers (55) (Allscott Heath 1 st XI)
Wicket Keeper of the season	Bryn Simmons (Worfield 1 st XI)
Fielder of the season	Andy Flann (Allscott Heath 1 st XI)
Young Player of the Season	Joe Williams (Ludlow 1 st XI)
Premier Division Player of the Season	Ryan Quiney (Worfield 1 st XI)
Division 1 Player of the Season	Adam Shimmons (Albrighton 1 st XI)
Division 2 Player of the Season	Avi Mathur (Church Aston)
Division 3 Player of the Season	Connor Glendinning (Chelmarsh)
Division 4 Player of the Season	Adam Harris (Column)
Division 1 – 2 nd XI Player of the Season	Mike Griffiths (Sentinel 2 nd XI)
Division 2 – 2 nd XI Player of the Season	Chris Hodson (Madeley 2 nd XI)
Division 3 – 2 nd XI Player of the Season	Steve Cowie (Albrighton 2 nd XI)
Sunday Division 1 Player of the Season	Dan Parry (Cound 3 rd XI)
Sunday Division 2 Player of the Season	Alex Starr (Bridgnorth 4 th XI)
Panel Umpire of the Season	John Ashton
Premier Division Ground of the Season	Wem Cricket Club





Shropshire seniors need YOUR help!

Shropshire Senior County Cricket (Over 50s & Over 60s), is thriving with both age groups regularly reaching the knockout stages of their County Championship competition!

After another very successful season, the Seniors have decided to enter teams into the 2nd XI County Championships for both age groups in the 2019.

To enable us to support this expansion we need to grow the player pool, and the help of the clubs.

Can all secretaries of Shropshire clubs please tell us:

1. The names of all current players who will be between 50-59 by 1st May 2019

2. The names of all current players who will be 60+ by 1st May 2019

3. The names of all current players who will be 50 between 1st May and 31st August 2019

Please send this through with Club Name by December 31, 2018, to either **Martin Chambers** – martin@thinkvideo.net 07837 773682 or **Ian Slater** – ianslater1967@hotmail.co.uk 07488 397110

If you are unclear on anything, please give either of us a call to discuss.

YOU could be the umpire next season

Stumped by the Laws of Cricket? Frustrated by that lbw decision at the weekend? Or are you hanging up the spikes this autumn but want to stay involved in the game?

Then why not get a better understanding of the game from the umpire's point of view by getting involved in officiating.

There will be courses staged in Shropshire over the winter which will help you become a qualified official ahead of the start of the new season in April.

There is a simple three-stage process you can follow.

- Learn the Laws of Cricket online via the MCC website by <https://www.lords.org/mcc/laws-of-cricket/elearning> and obtain the Certificate of Completion.

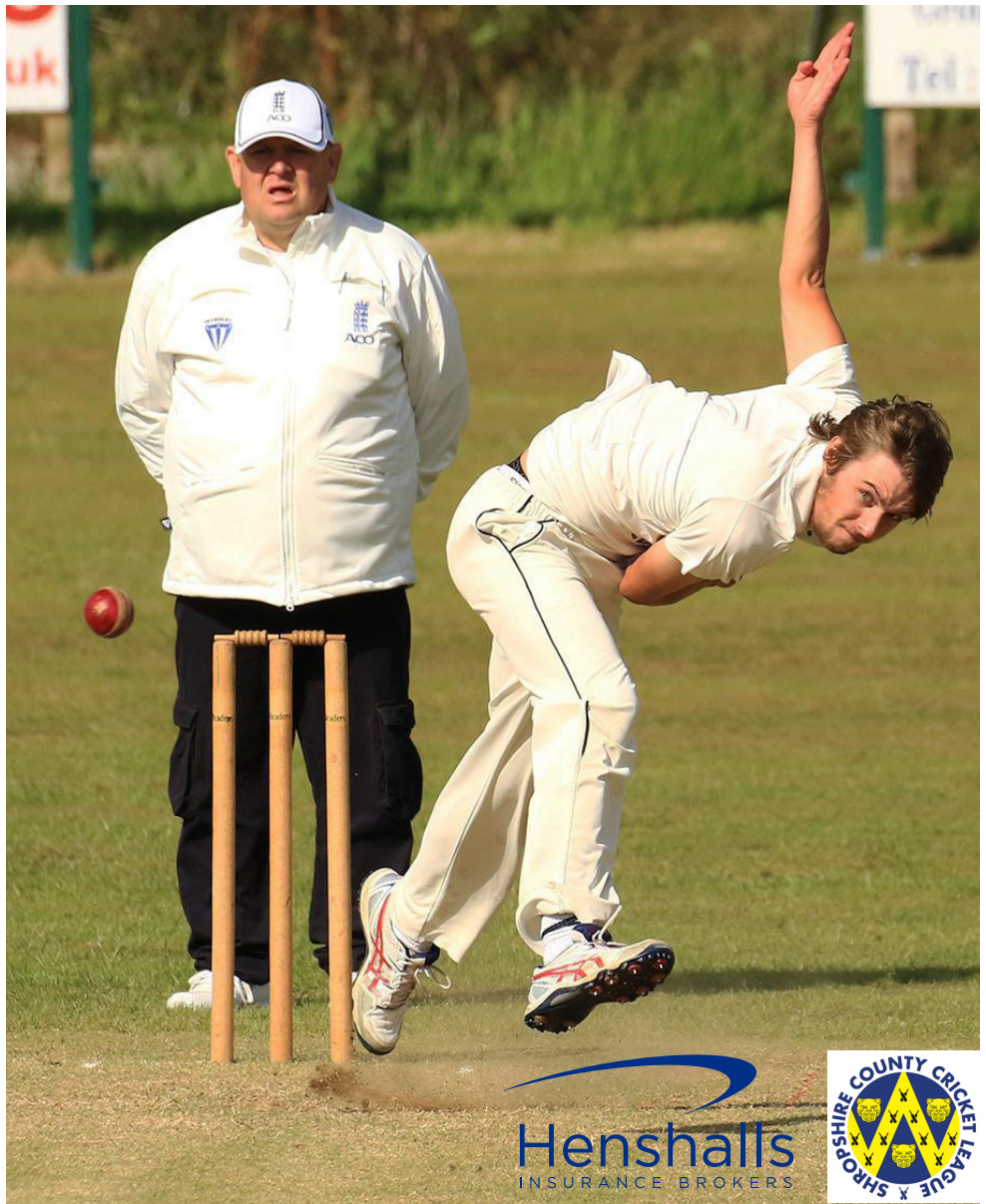
- Join the Stage One Course – Club Umpire – which will be held on Wednesday nights from 7.30-9.30pm from November 7 to December 10 at Allscott Sports & Social Club.

- Then Join the Stage Two – League Umpire course on Wednesday nights again from 7.30-9.30pm at Allscott Sports & Social Club from February 6 to March 13.

The MCC online course is free and must be completed before you join Stage One of the process.

To register go to, <https://www.ecb.co.uk/be-involved/officials/find-a-course> and you can follow the steps to find the Shropshire courses. The cost is £30 per course, but you get a £20 discount if both are booked at the same time.

If you want more information or help, you can contact Mike Sheehy from the Shropshire Association of Cricket Officials (SACO) via mikeandvalsheehy@talktalk.net or call (01743) 361651



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Business on agenda at League annual meeting

Under the Henshalls Shropshire County Cricket League constitution, a third of the elected members of the Management Committee stand for election each year.

They then serve for a three-year term of office before they have to decide whether to stand again.

Jamie Dowley, Darrell Corfield, Mark Davies, Martin Murdoch and Nick Broadbent are all due to stand down at the AGM on Monday, November 26 at St Georges CC.

Jamie, Darrell, Martin and Nick have all confirmed they wish to stand again for a further three-year term, while Mark wishes to retire from the committee.

In addition, as Simon Palmer has stepped down and been replaced by Mike Jenkins as

Child Welfare Officer, an additional member place is also available on the Management Committee initially for a two-year period.

All clubs can nominate a candidate for election to the Management Committee.

They should obtain the person's permission and then submit the name to League Secretary Brian Kitson, kitsonb1@gmail.com by 12noon on Friday, October 26.

Potential committee members should bear in mind that members of the Management Committee are not representatives of their clubs, and should declare an interest when an issue directly affecting their own club is discussed and abstain from voting.

No more than two elected members from any one club should serve on the committee.

If no other nominations are received, the four people who have indicated they are willing to continue will be re-elected unopposed.

The eight serving officers will retire at the

AGM, and all have confirmed their willingness to serve for a further twelve-month period in accordance with the SCCL Constitution.

All have been properly proposed and seconded by SCCL member clubs. They are:

Joint Presidents: Clive Smith and Peter Wilkinson.

Chairman: Gordon Smith

Vice-chairman: Adam Phillips

Secretary: Brian Kitson.

Treasurer: Mike Hall.

Results & Registrations Co-ordinator: Craig Simms.

Fixtures Secretary: Phil Parker.

Child Welfare Officer: Mike Jenkins

Umpires Secretary: Mike Sheehy

Again, clubs can nominate alternative people to serve in the above posts by contacting Secretary Brian Kitson kitsonb1@gmail.com ahead of the noon deadline on Friday, October 26.

Knockin and Welshpool take junior honours



Knockin & Kinnerley CC celebrate a successful Junior Finals Day with their Under 11s (left) and Under 15s (centre) and Under U15 finalists Beacon (right)

There was a great day of competition as the finalists came together to battle it out at the Henshalls Shropshire County Crickety League's Junior Finals Day.

The event was held at Shelton, and the first game saw the Under 11s Final with Newtown taking on Knockin & Kinnerley, with the latter taking home the trophy.

The second final saw Welshpool take on Church Stretton in the Under 13s section, with the Maesdre side taking the trophy back over the border.

The final game of the day was for the Under 15s with Knockin & Kinnerley again in the final, this time taking on Beacon.

Knockin & Kinnerley CC completed a junior double as they beat Beacon CC to win the U15s title, following the victory of their U11s earlier in the day.

Batting first after losing the toss, Beacon never really recovered from losing opening star batsman Martin Lewis for a two-ball duck and were indebted to a run-a-ball 21 from Joe Moran, batting at No 7, as they posted 93-8 from their 20 overs.

Wicket-keeper Lewis Tomkin's 15 was the only other batsman in double figures as tight bowling and fielding from Knockin restricted the Shrewsbury side to a below-par score. Owen Jones with 2-6 from three overs and Tom Dix (2-11) were the pick of the Knockin attack, while Joseph Wilkinson took two catches.

In reply, an unbeaten 37 from Knockin opener

and Player-of-the-Match George Lloyd saw the North Shropshire side home with five balls to spare. Rhys Owen also chipped in with 10 as Knockin always looked in control and claimed a 4 wicket win, despite the best efforts of Beacon's Emmet McKinley with 2-16 from his four overs.

Competition organiser Darrell Corfield said: "It was a great day of competition, congratulations to all the winners and commiserations to the runners-up, there was some good cricket on display all day.

"Thanks to Shelton CC for hosting the event."

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Winter security advice for cricket clubs

Cricket clubs in Shropshire have been the victims of break-ins in recent years.

The following advice may be helpful for clubs in Shropshire as they prepare for the close-season.

There are a range of clubs, playing on grounds in a great range of locations, so thoughts are at best "memory joggers" about tasks that need to be done.

For clubs, who have already started "packing away" this may prove to be a useful check-list to ensure that they have not forgotten anything.

POSSIBLE ACTIONS

By their very nature, cricket grounds are vulnerable. No single, or set, of precautions will guarantee security. However, a selection of appropriate precautions may deter potential thieves or encourage them to look elsewhere.

- Are the boundaries of the site secure/robust? Most raids involve the use of vehicle(s) and the thieves are looking for a move quickly on to, and then away from, the site.

- Are your neighbours who overlook the ground aware that you have finished playing? Do they know whom they should contact if they see something suspicious.

- Neighbours need to be assured that the

police are happy for them to ring 999 if they think they are witnessing suspicious activity

- Move small scale "gardening" items off site. Strimmers, 12ins mowers, light rollers, can be taken and have users other than on cricket grounds. Perhaps someone could store them in the corner of a shed or barn.

- Does some of your more portable equipment have distinctive markings? Painted bands in club colours? This can deter thieves.

- Have the name of the club marked both visibly on the outside of a piece of equipment and, then, again in a less obvious/visible place (this could help identification.)

- Remove vehicles that are no longer in frequent use. Tractors (large and small), quad-bikes, etc., all have uses in other settings. Again, is there a barn or a garage where they could be stored?

- What has happened to the wicket covers? If the covering material has been removed and stored (to prevent weathering) then the frames can begin to look like scrap metal awaiting collection. Half an hour with an angle grinder can reduce each section to "trailer sized" pieces.

- If you have to replace items do not store the replacements in the same place as the originals. Thieves have been known to return.

- Where appropriate, make it obvious that

buildings do not contain anything of value. Take out the cash drawer and stand it up beside the till. Remove all optics and bottles of alcohol. Take down curtains and neatly stack furniture.

- Make sure that all door locks and bolts and all window catches and fixings are sound, effective and closed. Replace breakages.

FURTHER THOUGHTS

Is it possible to ask, three club members to conduct a site survey; walk around and go through the buildings looking for weaknesses and vulnerabilities. Use their report to create a jobs list.

Contact your local PCSOs/Community policing team. They may have an officer who would be prepared to inspect the site and premises with a club member.

Does your club have an equipment (assets) register? This might be useful if the worst comes to the worst and you have to make a claim. A simple arrangement might be ring binder containing a number of see-through sleeves – one for each item.

A record might contain an up-to-date photograph, the invoice/receipt from the purchase, invoice/receipts for any repairs or enhancements (which might have increased the value), a list of serial number(s) and/or identifying markings, etc.

LEAGUE STRUCTURE 2019

All clubs are reminded that you must inform the League by October 26 on how many Saturday and Sunday teams you wish to enter for 2019. Please include dates where you will be unable to host a fixture and whether more than one team plays at your ground.

A reminder for teams in the Premier Division that the season will start on Saturday, April 27 and finish on Saturday, September 7 with fixtures being played on May and August Bank Holiday Mondays to allow for the end-of-season Birmingham League play-offs. All other divisions start on April 27 and finish on September 21.

With the restructure in progress, it is important that all clubs get their entries in to League Secretary Brian Kitson via email kitsonb1@gmail.com by the correct date.

A LOAD OF BALLS

Feedback has been received on the cricket balls used in all divisions of the Henshalls Shropshire County Cricket League in 2018.

This has led to a decision being taken on the balls which will be used in 2019.

It has been agreed that the top-range ball, the Dukes County International, will be used in the top three divisions and possibly the top four, depending on cost.

In all other divisions, the BAS Test ball will be used, while the Oxbridge Magna ball, used in some divisions this season, will be phased out.

A League spokesman said: "This will mean we are reducing our suppliers from three to two, so our lower division teams will be getting a much better quality ball.

"It has also been agreed that we should offer clubs a carry forward facility and allow them to use the discontinued ball (Oxbridge Magna) in lower division matches on the basis that they do not mix balls in one match."

ON SAFE GROUNDS

Wem claimed another victory after taking the Premier League title – their pitch and ground was rated as the best in

the division. The Kynaston Ground just edged out Worfield's Davenport Park by a point in the marks given after each game by umpires across the season.

NEWSLETTERS

Newsletters are produced by the League's IT, Social Media and Publicity Sub-Committee. If you have any news, information or photos that you wish to share with the League and member clubs, please send any information to: Will Clarke (Chairman of Sub-Committee) Adam Philips (Newsletter Writer) Matt Porter (Newsletter Design) – click on 'email' for each.

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