



# HENSHALLS SCCL NEWSLETTER

January 2019

## League shaping up for exciting season

It's all systems go for the 2019 season in the Henshalls Shropshire County Cricket League.

The League structure has been confirmed (see right) and the fixtures are now available.

It promises to be an exciting season with Wellington, Whitchurch and Newport returning to the Shropshire set-up from the Birmingham League.

And the major restructure has seen the League revert to a linear structure with the abolition of the reserve divisions. This includes the second teams of the Birmingham League clubs Shrewsbury, Bridgnorth, Shifnal and Oswestry.

This season the league welcomes the arrival of Chirk whose 1st XI will take their place in Division 2, while Ellesmere and Shelton have entered new sides in the Sunday divisions.

The opening weekend of the Henshalls Shropshire County Cricket League season on Saturday, April 27, sees defending Premier League champions Wem start their campaign with a home fixture against St Georges.

Newport travel to Bomere Heath for their first game on their return, while fellow former Birmingham League side Whitchurch are at home to Ludlow.

Probably the pick of the games for the first weekend sees Worfield travel to Oreleton Park to take on two-times Birmingham League champions Wellington. Promoted Allscott Heath's reward for winning Division One is a trip to last season's Premier Division runners-up Quatt, while Madeley host Sentinel.

League chairman Gordon Smith said: "There's been a lot of work behind the scenes in the past few months to sort out the structure and fixtures.

"With the publication of the fixtures, all that hard work is now bearing fruit, and it is shaping up to be an exciting battle for the Henshalls Shropshire County Cricket League title. With teams starting their winter nets and ground preparations, it's full speed ahead for 2019."

Follow the link below to see the fixtures.

[FULL FIXTURES](#)

### Confirmed SCCL 2019 Season Structure

SCCL Premier Division		SCCL Division 3		SCCL Division 6		Sunday Div 1	
Allscott Heath 1	1	Church Aston	1	Acton Reynald 2	1	Alberbury 3	
Bomere Heath 1	2	Frankton 2	2	Bomere Heath 2	2	Bridgnorth 4	
Ludlow 1	3	Harpers	3	Column	3	Cound 3	
Madeley 1	4	Hinstock	4	Corvedale 1	4	Frankton 3	
Newport 1	5	Hodnet	5	Cound 2	5	Knockin 3	
Quatt 1	6	Ludlow 2	6	Guilfield	6	Madeley 3	
Sentinel 1	7	Newport 2	7	Harcourt	7	Pontesbury 3	
St Georges 1	8	Oswestry 2	8	Overton	8	Shrewsbury 4	
Wellington 1	9	Quatt 2	9	Pontesbury 2	9	Wem 3	
Wem 1	10	Shelton 2	10	Shrewsbury 3	10	Worfield 3	
Whitchurch 1	11	Wellington 3	11	St Georges 3	11	Whitchurch 3	
Worfield 1	12	Wille 1	12	Wille 2			
SCCL Division 1		SCCL Division 4		SCCL Division 7		Sunday Div 2	
Alberbury 1	1	Acton Reynald 1	1	Allscott Heath 2	1	Bomere Heath 3	
Beacon 1	2	Bishops Castle	2	Coton Hall	2	Ellesmere 3	
Bridgnorth 2	3	Bridgnorth 3	3	Ellesmere 2	3	Knockin 4	
Cound 1	4	Cae Glas 1	4	Forton 2	4	Lilleshall 4	
Ellesmere 1	5	Calverhall	5	Lilleshall 2	5	Madeley 4	
Frankton 1	6	Chelmarsh	6	Llanidloes	6	Newport 3	
Knockin 1	7	Church Stretton	7	Ludlow 3	7	Oswestry 3	
Newtown 1	8	Iscoyd 1	8	Quatt 3	8	Sentinel 3	
Pontesbury 1	9	Madeley 2	9	Quayside	9	Shelton 3	
Shelton 1	10	Prees	10	Shifnal 4	10	Wellington 5	
Shifnal 2	11	Trysull					
Shrewsbury 2	12	Wheaton Aston					
SCCL Division 2		SCCL Division 5		SCCL Division 8			
Albrighton 1	1	Conover 1	1	Beacon 3			
Chirk 1	2	Alberbury 2	2	Albrighton 2			
Forton 1	3	Beacon 2	3	Allscott Heath 3			
Lilleshall 1	4	Broseley	4	Cae Glas 2			
Montgomery 1	5	Knockin 2	5	Chirk 2			
Sentinel 2	6	Market Drayton	6	Conover 2			
Shifnal 3	7	Montgomery 2	7	Iscoyd 2			
St Georges 2	8	Much Wenlock 1	8	Lilleshall 3			
Wellington 2	9	Newtown 2	9	Much Wenlock 2			
Welshpool 1	10	Wellington 4	10	Welshpool 2			
Worfield 2	11	Wem 2					
Wroxeter and Uppington	12	Whitchurch 2					



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# Rule changes for the 2019 season

**F**or 2019, Division 1 will play the same rules as the lower leagues. They will be advised that from 2020, they should expect to be playing the same rules as the Premier Division and will need to prepare as such – with laptops, printers, scorers etc all in place.

● **Start times:** Premier Division 12noon, all other divisions to start at 1pm

● **Overs:** 45 overs per side in Divisions 1 to 6, 40 overs a side in Divisions 7, 8 and Sunday leagues.

Minimum overs per side in Divisions 1-8 and Sunday Leagues in the event of rain and other delays is now 25.

● **Format:** Divisions 7, 8 and Sunday Two ONLY to play Win/Lose cricket all season. The

rest of the divisions format (including Sunday One) remains unchanged. WDL/WL/WDL.

● **Bowling restrictions:** In Divisions 1-6 and Sunday Division 1, the maximum overs a bowler can bowl in the WDL format is 30% of the total overs rounded up e.g. 12 in a 40 over games, 11 in 35 over games. WL games remain a fifth of the total overs.

● **Eligibility:** No Category 2 players are allowed in the Shropshire League.

● **Results:** All Premier Division matches should have a full scorecard on PlayCricket by 10pm on the day of the game. For all other division the scorecards must be uploaded by 10pm the day after the game.

● **Sunday qualification:** A player of any

age may play on the Sunday after playing on a Saturday, providing he/she fulfils all the other eligibility criteria. Still a maximum of four per team.

● A seven-day limit on teams to report player ineligibility.

● No mobile phones to be used on the field of play whilst umpiring.

● A tie in the W/L format will remain at five points (eight in the Premier League).

● No dual registrations

● Teams will be awarded maximum points available when the opposition play an ineligible player and ALL TEAMS for the offending club will receive a 10 point penalty.

## Lifetime achievement award for Pete

**T**his year mark's 50 years since Pete Starling first became Secretary at British Sugar CC (now Allscott Heath) – and he's still going strong.

His service to his club and cricket in Shropshire was recognised with the Henshalls Shropshire County Cricket League's Lifetime Achievement Award.

It was presented to Pete at the League's annual meeting and awards presentation night which was held at St Georges CC.

He first played for the club in 1968 when he started work at the beet factory at Allscott having first played cricket at his home-town club Much Wenlock.

The following year he became secretary of the club.

Pete says: "The previous secretary resigned after a disagreement with the factory manager about not sending a team to the company inter-factory competition.

"I'd got married and a factory house was available, so I went to the manager about renting it. He said that a vacancy had arisen for cricket secretary, would I be interested? I replied 'yes certainly', he said the house is yours and the rest is history."

Since then he has played a wide variety of roles at the club including captaining the 1st and 2nd teams during a 32-year playing career, umpiring, Treasurer, President, Team Manager and Scorer.

And to top all that, five of his sons and two of his grandsons have played or are still playing for the club.

Pete was also an instrumental figure in the continuation of the club after the sugar factory closed in 2007 which could have signalled the end of cricket at Allscott.

Instead, 2008 saw the club gain promotion to the Shropshire League Premier Division, it achieve Clubmark status and set up partnerships with local schools to help strengthen recruitment.

Then, in 2009, he was heavily involved in the land reclamation and preparation of a second



**Pete Starling receives his Lifetime Achievement award from League Patron Robin Onions**

cricket field at Allscott to allow the club to enter a third team into the league in 2010.

Since 2013 he has been the main driver in securing new sports facilities at Allscott as part of the proposed new development on the old British Sugar site.

League Secretary Brian Kitson said: "Congratulations to Pete on his Lifetime Achievement Award, which is so well deserved.

"Over 50 years, he has been instrumental in ongoing success of Allscott Heath CC, ensuring

the club survived the closure of the beet factory and then thrived to the point it now has three sides playing the league.

"He is a well-known and well-liked figure in the cricket family in Shropshire, and long may that continue."

The logo for Henshalls Insurance Brokers, featuring a stylized blue swoosh above the word 'Henshalls' in a large, blue, sans-serif font, with 'INSURANCE BROKERS' in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font below it.







Sam Peate from Premier Division winners Wem with the League's Honorary Patron Robin Onions



Wicket-keeper of the year Bryn Simmons from Worfield



Leading run scorer Connor Glendinning from Chelmarsh



Leading wicket-taker Jason Summers from Allscott Heath



Keith Higgins receives the Ground of the Year award on behalf of Wem



Charlie Fox-Davies from 2nd XI Division One winners Worfield





Steve Cowie of Albrighton IIs gets his award as Reserve Division 3 Player of the Season



Luke Simpson of Sunday Division 1 champions Worfield IIs



Sunday Division 2 Player of the Year Alex Starr from Bridgnorth CC



Adam Harris from Column CC – Division 4 Player of the Year



Morgan Penny receives the Sunday Division 2 trophy on behalf of Bridgnorth IVs



Sunday Division 1 Player of the Year Dan Parry from Cound CC



Bill Hopkins and Neil Bennett from Trysull & Seisdon with the Division 4 trophy



Reserve Division 2 Player of the Year Chris Hodgson from Madeley II



Steve Maden receives the Reserve Division 2 trophy on behalf of Madeley IIs



Tom Davies receives the Division 2 trophy on behalf of Ellesmere



Reserve Division 1 Player of the Year Mike Griffiths from Sentinel CC





Dave Morris receives the Reserve Division 3 trophy on behalf of Pontesbury



Avi Mathur from Church Aston receives the Division 2 player of the Year award



The trophy for the Division 3 winners was presented to Sunil John from Harpers



## SCCL Honours 2018

Division	Champions
Premier	Wem 1 <sup>st</sup> XI
Division 1	Allscott Heath 1 <sup>st</sup> XI
Division 2	Ellesmere 1 <sup>st</sup> XI
Division 3	Harpers
Division 4	Trysull and Seisdon
Division 1 – 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	Worfield 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI
Division 2 – 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	Madeley 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI
Division 3 – 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	Pontesbury 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI
Sunday Division 1	Worfield 3 <sup>rd</sup> XI
Sunday Division 2	Bridgnorth 4 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> XI)
Wicket Keeper of the season	Bryn Simmons (Worfield 1 <sup>st</sup> XI)
Fielder of the season	Andy Flann (Allscott Heath 1 <sup>st</sup> XI)
Young Player of the Season	Joe Williams (Ludlow 1 <sup>st</sup> XI)
Premier Division Player of the Season	Ryan Quiney (Worfield 1 <sup>st</sup> XI)
Division 1 Player of the Season	Adam Shimmons (Albrighton 1 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> XI Player of the Season	Mike Griffiths (Sentinel 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI)
Division 2 – 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI Player of the Season	Chris Hodson (Madeley 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI)
Division 3 – 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI Player of the Season	Steve Cowie (Albrighton 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI)
Sunday Division 1 Player of the Season	Dan Parry (Cound 3 <sup>rd</sup> XI)
Sunday Division 2 Player of the Season	Alex Starr (Bridgnorth 4 <sup>th</sup> XI)
Panel Umpire of the Season	John Ashton
Premier Division Ground of the Season	Wem Cricket Club





# Indoor cricket opportunities for women & girls

There's a packed schedule of Women and Girls indoor cricket action planned ahead of the new season – and there's still time to enter some of the competitions.

A Women & Girls "Elite/Aspiring" Competition will be held at Sundorne Games Hall in Shrewsbury starting on Friday, February 1.

A Women and Girls Club Hard Ball competition starts at Wrekin College on Thursday, March 7, and so far seven teams have entered – Madeley, Quatt, Sentinel, Shifnal, St Georges x 2 and Wellington

Steve added: "Formally known as "Active Women" this is aimed at those players transitioning from Soft Ball AND "Club" players with a limit on County Players of one per team.

"This group is a high priority to keep Women and Girls playing. Following consultation it is



apparent one of the key reasons for the recent demise of this group has been through the intimidation felt by "club" players when coming up against County standard.

"To make it work we need your cooperation to ensure the match experience is a positive one – otherwise this level of the game could disappear." These competitions are supplemented by two Softball indoor competitions – on at Wrekin College starting on Thursday, January 31, and another at Oswestry School starting on Tuesday, March 5.

Steve said: "We are trying to be all things to everyone this year and "pitch" the playing offer to cover an entry level for all abilities.

"It is a difficult one because of the lack of scale in the County, but without trying we will never know."

Anyone who wishes to comment or would like to enter a team in a competition can contact Steve via email [stevereesescb@btconnect.com](mailto:stevereesescb@btconnect.com), Administrator Sheila Dickie via [sheiladickiescb@btconnect.com](mailto:sheiladickiescb@btconnect.com) or call the Board office on (01952) 265676.

## Regional Clusters meetings initiative

The first meetings of Cricket Shropshire's Regional Club Clusters start this month.

The Clusters initiative is part of a drive by the Board to help support clubs across the county by forming these strategic clusters.

Clubs and Community Manager Steve Reese said: "Shropshire is a large, rural county with few centres of high population density.

"This model of creating six Clusters will allow inclusion for all clubs regardless of size.

"Clubs will maintain their identity, BUT will be encouraged to work as regions across aspects where club resources cannot meet requirements, whether that be Girls' cricket, Under 19s, grounds maintenance to name just a few.

"The map is indicative of where clubs fall, but there will be some overlap and clubs in those catchment areas can flip between regions to suit the activity and the club."

The first trial of Cluster groups came at the end of the 2018 season when the Under 19s T20 floodlight match with two teams selected from eight clubs on a regional basis – and it proved a big hit.

The following regional club clusters have been formed, although there is obviously flexibility if required.

### CLUSTER GROUPS

**North-West:** Cae Glas, Ellesmere, Frankton, Iscoyd & Fenns Bank, Knockin & Kinnerley, Oswestry, Overton on Dee

**North:** Calverhall, Coton Hall, Harcourt, Hinstock, Hodnet, Peplow & Tibberton, Market Drayton, Norton in Hales, Prees, Wem, Whitchurch, Woore


**Central-West:** Acton Reynald, Beacon, Bomere Heath, Column, Condover, Cound, Pontesbury, Quayside, Sentinel, Shelton, Shrewsbury, Wroxeter & Uppington

**Central-East:** Albrighton, Allscott Heath, Church Aston, Forton, Harpers, Lilleshall, Madeley, Newport, Shifnal, St Georges, Trysull,

### Geographical Clusters

- Shropshire - large rural County
- Few centres – high population density
- Clusters - ensure all participants are covered firstly by their club and then by the region

- North West
- North East
- Central
- South West
- South East
- East



The model will allow inclusion for ALL, regardless of size. Both primary and secondary affiliation clubs

Clubs will maintain their identity BUT will be encouraged to work as regions across aspects where club resources cannot meet requirements, whether girls cricket, U19, groundsmanship etc....

Wellington, Wheaton Aston.

**South-East:** Alveley, Bridgnorth, Broseley, Chelmarsh, Claverley, Cleobury Mortimor, Corvedale, Highley, Ludlow, Much Wenlock, Quatt, Willey, Worfield

**West and Wales:** Alberbury, Bishop's Castle, Church Stretton, Guilsfield, Llanidloes, Montgomery, Newtown, Welshpool.

Now a series of 'fireside chats' have been arranged for each cluster taking place in January and February.

Steve added: "These will be informal gatherings and give us the chance to share ideas, receive feedback and look at future projects and benefits for clubs."

**North West:** January 28 at Oswestry CC

**North:** January 29 at Prees Cricket & Bowls Club

**Central-West:** January 30 at Column CC, Shirehall, Shrewsbury.

**Central-East:** February 4 at Shifnal CC (please note change of venue).

**South-East:** February 5 at Bridgnorth CC

**West and Wales:** February 6 at Welshpool CC (again please note change of venue).

All are 7pm starts and clubs are encouraged to send a representative along.

If anyone wants more information, or to discuss the Clusters idea, please contact Steve via email [stevereesescb@btconnect.com](mailto:stevereesescb@btconnect.com) or call him on 07841 475675.





**The Trysull & Seisdon side who won promotion after winning their division in the Border Counties League in 1990.**

**Back Row: Mick Cartwright, Allan Morris, T Fellows, Tony Corkindale, Bill Hopkins**

**Front Row: Terry Billings, Pete Mulvihull, Gary Brookes, Roger Hickman, Steve Suckling, Andy Kirby**

**Sitting: Lesley Hopkins (Scorer), Geoff Croydon (Umpire)**

# SCCL – a League without boundaries

**T**rysull & Seisdon CC may be based outside Shropshire geographically, but the club has played a big role in Shropshire cricket over the last 40 years.

Through the late 1970s and 1980s the club played in the Bridgnorth midweek T20 League, winning a number of trophies in the process.

And in the early 80s they joined the Border Counties League which then merged with the Shropshire County Cricket League in the early 1990s – and the club has remained a loyal member ever since, enjoying the highs and experiencing the lows which all clubs go through.

As club stalwart Bill Hopkins says: "Involvement with Trysull & Seisdon has seen emotions vary between exhilaration and demoralisation over the years.

"The club is now looking to strengthen and re-establish itself at a higher level after the success of last season winning our division in the Henshalls Shropshire County Cricket League. And we are also hoping to relaunch a 2nd XI at some stage in the near future."

The club has a long and proud history of volunteers over the years – none more so than Bill himself who has won two MCCC awards and was chairman or vice-chairman of various leagues, including the Shropshire County Cricket League, for 11 years.

He is now a life member of the league.

Ian Lawrence was a great fund-raiser while Helen Sanders and her son Howard have continued this tradition over the last 15 years.

Lesley Hopkins has been club secretary since 1980, and in 1985 won the Budgen award for scoring, presented to her by Gubby Allen in the long Room at Lord's. Indeed, she has scored over 1,100 matches for the club.

She has also received two MCCC awards and an ECB award for long service, as well as being secretary of the Shropshire Cricket League for

six years. Many other players have won league awards while numerous players have also appeared in representative teams.

Cricket in the area dates back to 1858, with the current club was formed in 1975 to play friendly weekend cricket.

It was a founder member of the Bridgnorth midweek T20 league, winning the cup in 1977, 1982, 1984 and 1988. The league was won for five consecutive seasons from 1980 (including a tie with Wolverhampton Civil Service in 1983) – the league was won again in 1987!

Bill Hopkins was the first to 1,000 runs in 1978 while teenager Tony Corkindale was the first player to 100 wickets a year later.

During this period, a new pavilion with showers and scoreboard was built to replace the derelict hut on the site.

In the autumn of 1981, the club agreed to joined the Border Counties League, along with Chelmarsh, Caersws and Guilsfield.

In their first season, they finished 10th in Division 2 (out of 14) and then third in the second season. Scores were generally lower than today, covers and sight screens were scarce and there were no bowling or fielding restrictions!

Notable performances came from right-arm quick Gary Williams, only a teenager, took 162 wickets in the first two seasons, as well as chipping in with 700 runs.

Mid-table finishes were the norm until 1987, when the Division 2 title was secured despite the team never leading the division until after the last game. The club's first season in Division 1 in 1988 was a great success with a fourth-place finish but times were harder in 1989 as top players left and the club were relegated.

However, the club bounced straight back in 1990, as champions, and stayed in the top flight of the BCL for the next two years until the merger with the Shropshire Cricket League.

The 1st XI won their division in 1995 during a six-year spell when they only once finished lower than fourth. Corkindale returned to the club after a 10-year break and combined the

away swing of Harvey, the off spin of Steve Suckling to form a formidable bowling attack, backed up by the bats of Hopkins, Cox, Morris and Cartwright.

Corkindale continued to take wickets, achieving the personal milestone of 700 by 2003.

In 2006 the 1st XI won the Shropshire Cricket League 2nd Division with 322 points, Mark Gilbert leading the way with 569 runs while Andy Bryan chipped in with 419, including a division-leading knock of 147no.

New Zealander Ian Acheson played his part as did Australian bowler Brent Johns, who's 71 wickets were 31 more than his nearest challenger. Josh Woolley, Mark Hull, S. Dawson and Carl O' Sullivan also made contributions.

After a couple of seasons of consolidation in Division 1, the 1st XI stormed to the league title in 2009, winning 17 of their 20 completed games on the way to a 437-point haul, also adding the Bridgnorth Village KO title for the first time for good measure.

Lee Nightingale led the way with over 1,200 runs, including 269 against Lilleshall and four other hundreds while Shamim Eceolaza and O'Sullivan both racked up more than 550.

TSCC subsequently took up their place in the Marston's Premier League for 2010 and at mid-season were safely in mid-table before disaster struck – the Nightingale brothers left to play elsewhere while Eceolaza moved to London. Coupled with other departures, the severely weakened team was unable to compete at the top level.

The 1st XI was placed back in Division 3 in the Shropshire County League for 2011 to allow for rebuilding and after a further relegation in 2012, a period of stability followed, although the 2nd XI launched in 1998, was disbanded.



# Quick singles and boundary riders

NATWEST CRICKETFORCE 2019



**A** date for your diaries: NatWest CricketForce weekend 2019 will take place from April 5-7.

The ECB's focus this year is on projects to digitise cricket clubs or improve catering provisions: improving clubs' internet connections or introducing faster and easier payment systems, installing a new kitchen, or even creating areas for people to socialise and watch cricket on a big screen or have a BBQ outside.

It would like clubs to partake in projects which are going to attract more people to the cricket club and ones which will create a social, welcoming environment for families.

Registration for the NatWest CricketForce weekend in 2019 is now open, so you can register by going to the website [HERE](#).

## ALL STARS BACK FOR THIRD YEAR



**A**ll Stars Cricket is back for 2019 – with the aim of making it bigger and better than ever in Shropshire.

All Stars is the ECB initiative, first run in 2017, aiming to introducing youngsters aged 5-8 to the wonderful game of cricket.

In it's second year in Shropshire last season, 34 centres across the county ran the scheme attracting 770 youngsters – a big increase on the year before.

Clubs and Community Cricket Manager Steve Reese said: "Cricket Shropshire is already working at the All Stars programme for 2019 planning school assemblies and roadshows.

"With potentially a couple of new centres coming online this year, we are hoping to get 1,000 youngsters involved across the county."

Clubs in Shropshire can now register for the 2019 season by [CLICKING HERE](#).



## LAW CHANGE – BEAMER

**P**layers (and umpires!) will undoubtedly be pleased to know that MCC have made some changes to the controversial 'beamer' law that was amended in 2017 and has caused controversy in recreational cricket.

Following feedback last season, the law has been altered again and a beamer is no longer automatically deemed to be dangerous and can be judged by the bowler's end umpire to be accidental, taking into account the speed and direction of the ball, repeated delivery of full tosses and the ability of the batsman.

The delivery would still be a no ball but there will be no warning.

If the umpire judges the delivery to be dangerous, it will still lead to a first and final warning.

Waist height of the batsman has been defined as the point at which the top of the batsman's trousers would conventionally be when the batsman is standing upright at the popping crease.

## SCORERS CALL

**T**he Shropshire Association of Cricket Officials is still trying to expand its database of all those who regularly score in the Henshalls SCCL – there are many people who give up their time for their clubs each week who are not known to SACO, including a number in the Premier Division and Division 1.

The League would like to compile a list of active scorers so they can be invited to the pre-season Umpires Rules meeting, the monthly Umpire's discussion meetings and also attend training courses.

If your club has a dedicated scorer at any level, please make sure they are registered by contacting Mike Sheehy [mikeandvalsheehy@talktalk.net](mailto:mikeandvalsheehy@talktalk.net) or call (01743) 361651.

## UMPIRES' TRAINING

**T**he League, in conjunction with the Shropshire Association of Cricket Officials, will once again be running a

two-evening Law Appreciation Course this year. The completion of both evenings of the course enables accreditation for the 'Umpires Point' in all SCCL divisions (except the Premier Division) for all course members 16 years and over.

However, the course is also invaluable to broaden the knowledge of younger players and clubs are invited to encourage their members to attend.

It is intended that certificates will be issued on completion of the second training session.

Dates and venue will be confirmed shortly and club secretaries will receive further details in due course.

## CRICKET BALLS 2019

**I**f you have not already done so please let Mike Hall ([mikecricket1@gmail.com](mailto:mikecricket1@gmail.com)) know whether you wish to carry any cricket balls forward from the 2018 season to the 2019 season by the deadline.

In addition if any clubs require any additional balls for use in the nets or friendlies please let Mike know as he has a supply available at £5 per ball, which can be added to your order and supplied at the pre-season Captains Meeting.

## NEWSLETTERS

**N**ewsletters 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)

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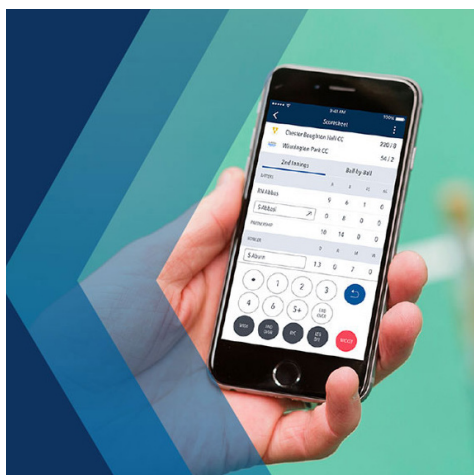
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# Shropshire scorers' roadshow date



Christmas is over and the new cricket season is just around the corner, so it's time to make preparations for the forthcoming year.

In 2019, electronic scoring will be mandatory in the Shropshire County Cricket League Premier Division, which may be extended to Division One for the 2020 season.

To support scorers with this change there will be a Scorer's Roadshow on Saturday, March 2, at Shifnal Cricket Club to demonstrate the Play-Cricket Scorer PRO software and to clarify the League's requirements.

1st XI scorers at clubs in the Shropshire

Premier Division are required to attend the Roadshow, which is also open to scorers in other Divisions.

However, as places are limited preference will be given to scorers in the Premier Division and Division One clubs.

The Roadshow is free and will run from 10am to approximately 4pm.

We hope to be able to include an opportunity for scorers to try out the software in the afternoon.

Further details on this will be sent later. Lunch and drinks will be provided.

To book your place at the roadshow or any questions, please email Clair Eccleston, County Scorer's Officer, at [ShropshireCSO@gmail.com](mailto:ShropshireCSO@gmail.com)

## T20 JUNIOR SLAM 2019

Calling all clubs from Division Two and below – you can take part in this season's Aaron & Partners Junior Slam.

Please note that if your club has a team in the Premier or Division One they will be automatically entered into the Senior Slam.

If your club would like to enter the Junior Slam you must email Dave [White mrdwhite@icloud.com](mailto:White mrdwhite@icloud.com) via – no later than February 28.

The Junior Slam will continue to be played on a Thursday evenings with the final on a Premier League ground in the county.

The league is also looking for venues for the regional hub quarter-finals for the Senior Slam, if your club is interesting in hosting then please also contact [mrdwhite@icloud.com](mailto:mrdwhite@icloud.com)

Montgomery won the Aaron & Partners Junior Slam in 2018, beating Hodnet, Peplow & Tibberton in the final.



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