



HENSHALLS SCCL NEWSLETER

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League line-ups and fixtures for 2018

The divisional structure for the 2018 season in the Henshalls Shropshire County Cricket League has been agreed.

Due to the late withdrawal of Broseley 1st XI from the Premier Division, there will only be 11 teams in that division during the 2018 season.

The League appreciates that this is not an ideal situation but we have been left with no viable alternative.

The line-up includes the addition of the new side Column, while Wroxeter Grove have reverted to their former name Wroxeter & Uppington.

The structure was drawn up by the league's Membership & Structure sub-committee.

In the main, decisions were straightforward with two-up, two-down where possible, with some exceptions and additions:

Division Four remains as 11 sides, with a much-improved Beacon 3 returning, and Allscott 2 moving back to the 2nd XI structure. Column replace Wroxeter Grove 3 in this division.

Division Two 2nd XI reverts to 12 sides, with Division Three 2nd XI champions Acton Reynald promoted and the bottom six sides relegated.

Division Three 2nd XI will be made up of 16 teams, split into two geographical groups.

All sides to play the seven sides in their own group home and away, and all eight of the opposing group once only on an arbitrary home and away basis

There will be a total of 21 sides in the Sunday divisions following the withdrawal of M Drayton 3 with 11 in Division One and 10 in Division Two.

● **Fixtures grids can be found by following the link** <http://www.shropshirecricketleague.co.uk/news/2018-fixture-grids-151>

Premier Division: Sentinel (relegated from Birmingham League), Ludlow, Worfield, Quatt, Wem, Newtown, St Georges, Frankton, Madeley, Bomere Heath (promoted), Cound (promoted).

Division One: Market Drayton (relegated), Albrighton (relegated), Knockin and Kinnerley, Wroxeter and Uppington, Welshpool, Shelton, Beacon, Conover, Alberbury, Forton, Pontesbury



(promoted), Allscott Heath (promoted).

Division Two (12): Lilleshall (relegated), Montgomery (relegated), Church Aston, Wheaton Aston, Ellesmere, Willey, Bishops Castle, Shrewsbury 3, Shifnal 3, Wellington 3, Ludlow 3 (promoted), Hodnet & Tibberton (promoted).

Division Three (12): Prees (relegated), Church Stretton (relegated), Harpers, Calverhall, Chelmarsh, Iscoyd & Fenns Bank, Cae Glas, Much Wenlock, St Georges 3, Acton Reynald, Hinstock (promoted), Overton on Dee (promoted).

Division Four (11): Trysull & Seisdon (relegated), Corvedale (relegated), Bridgnorth 3, Guilsfield, Cotton Hall, Quayside, Harcourt, Llanidloes, Oswestry 3, Beacon 3 (from D3 2nd), Column (new entry).

Division One 2nd XI (12): Worfield 2, Wem 2, St Georges 2, Frankton 2, Knockin 2, Alberbury 2, Sentinel 2, Shelton 2, Quatt 2, Wroxeter 2, Wellington 4 (promoted), Montgomery 2 (promoted).

Division Two 2nd XI (12): Madeley 2 (relegated), Cound 2 (relegated), Allscott Heath 2 (from Div Four), Beacon 2, Newtown 2, Lilleshall 2, Bomere Heath 2, Ludlow 2, Broseley 2, Willey 2, Shifnal 4, Acton Reynald 2 (promoted).

Division Three 2nd XI (16): Pontesbury 2 (relegated), Conover 2 (relegated), Market Drayton 2 (relegated), Albrighton 2 (relegated), Forton 2 (relegated), Iscoyd & Fenns Bank 2 (relegated), St Georges 4, M Wenlock 2, Ellesmere 2, Welshpool 2, Cae Glas 2, Bishops Castle 2, Lilleshall 4, Quatt 3, Allscott 3, Corvedale 2.

Sunday Division One (11): Worfield 3, Knockin 3, Frankton 3, Wellington 5, Wem 3, Newport 3, Lilleshall 3, Sentinel 3, Cound 3, Shrewsbury 4 (promoted), Pontesbury 3 (promoted).

Sunday Division Two (10): Alberbury 3 (relegated), Whitchurch 3 (relegated), Bomere 3 (relegated), Ludlow 4, Knockin 4, Madeley 4, Oswestry 4, Madeley 3, Bridgnorth 4, Wellington 6.

Brian Perry 1943-2017

The Henshalls Shropshire County Cricket League decided to award Wem's Brian Perry its Lifetime Achievement Award at the 2017 Presentation Evening. Sadly he died just before the event. Here, two Wem CC members, Mike Sheehy and Graham Furber, pay their own tributes.

Brian was proud to have been awarded the League's Lifetime Achievement Award and despite his serious illness was determined to receive it in person.

Sadly this was not to be and his lifetime friend and Wem CC colleague, Paul Strefford, received it on his behalf of his family at the League's 2017 AGM.

Brian was a Wem Cricket Club member for more than fifty years, having played at Acton Reynald CC for six seasons previously. His impact at Wem was immense, a legend missed dreadfully at the club, spending countless hours working on our ground until recently.

The batting and bowling honours boards in the Wem CC clubhouse bear testimony to his unique talent, with a whirlwind bowling action and follow through, aggressive batting and trademark headband.

He won the first team batting cup thirteen times in seventeen years and the bowling award for twenty out of twenty three seasons. His passion shone through to younger players, typified by winning the third team batting cup in his fortieth year at the club, while bringing on the next generation of cricketers.

A tribute from one of his team mates says, "Absolute legend, I was privileged to play in the same team as him and was totally inspired by his 'no surrender' attitude, competitive, aggressive cricket, whether batting, bowling or fielding. Off the field he was a true sportsman and gentleman, his effervescent charisma and corny jokes could always raise a smile. Peder's knowledge of the game and reading of situations was always a motivation. He will be sadly missed"

Brian played many years for the league, in the League Cricket Conference President's Trophy and Midlands Club Cricket Conference, including the double, winning both competitions in 1982 and the Midlands CCC again two years later and captained the team in many matches.

The king as he was frequently called, was the Ian Botham of Shropshire cricket and possibly the only recreational cricketer to have taken the wickets of both Botham and Geoffrey Boycott in first class cricket, respectively at Wellington in 1983, when Brian won the man of the match award and in the memorable win against Yorkshire at St Georges the following year.

In all, he played 149 matches for Shropshire, including the 1973 Minor Counties Championship side.

Rest in peace, cricket legend.

Mike Sheehy



1 st XI HONOURS	
BATTING	BOWLING
1962 D. Flynn	M. Ruscoe
1963 R. E. Matthews	R. E. Matthews
1964 R. E. Matthews	P. Scott
1965 P. Scott	S. E. Madocks
1966 J. A. Walker	B. Hughes
1967 R. E. Matthews	B. Perry
1968 B. Perry	B. Perry
1969 B. Perry	B. Perry
1970 B. Perry	B. Perry
1971 J. F. Matthews	B. Perry
1972 B. Perry	B. Perry
1973 B. Perry	P. Broadhurst
1974 B. Perry	B. Perry
1975 B. Perry	B. Perry
1976 P. Broadhurst	B. Perry
1977 B. Perry	B. Perry
1978 B. Perry	B. Perry
1979 B. Perry	B. Perry
1980 B. Perry	B. Perry
1981 S. Griffiths	B. Perry
1982 R. Jones	B. Perry
1983 B. Perry	R. Jones
1984 G. Walker	B. Perry
1985 B. Perry	B. Perry
1986 B. Perry	B. Perry
1987 J. T. Aspinall	J. T. Aspinall
1988 S. Hughes	B. Perry
1989 G. Walker	B. Perry
1990 G. Walker	J. T. Aspinall
1991 M. Arif	B. Perry

Brian joined Wem in the mid-60s. I was still at Wem Grammar School doing my A levels, and our Sports master Peter Scott, who captained Wem and had represented the Minor Counties side, suggested that the 1st XI go down to the old Castle Field to see this tremendous player who had just joined Wem.

When we arrived Brian was bowling from the Brewery End, and what a sight! Shirt undone to the navel, and green stains down both trouser legs, he was starting his run up from the boundary edge and either following through under the batsman's nose or chasing off after the ball wherever it had been struck. I think that was the day we coined the expression 'caught and bowled Perry . . . at cover'!

When he caught and bowled Geoff Boycott in that famous Shropshire CCC victory against Yorkshire in 1984 with his famed slower ball, Roy Marsh who happened to be talking to my Dad and me at the time, observed that "if Boycott can't read it, how are we mere mortals supposed to"! Over the years, I shudder to think how many wickets he must have taken with that so cleverly disguised slower ball.

We went to play Coton Hall in a Sunday friendly, with Brian as captain. Brian Hughes, who also represented the Minor Counties side, was bowling to a Coton Hall stalwart, Frank Rutter. Hughsey had a 'Thommo-like' bowling action and could make the ball lift alarmingly from a length. Now Frank, although not a prolific run scorer, was always very difficult to get out.

After a few overs of Frank constantly playing and missing, Brian decided to put everyone behind the wicket on the off side. What a sight that was – ten fielders in an arc from wicketkeeper to point.

Brian was such an inspiration to play with, and with his 'no-surrender' attitude, you never wanted to let him down.

I will never forget that stare when I conceded a bye and the next ball went for four. He particularly used to chastise me for moving down the leg side and in doing so make the umpire think that was where the ball was going, whilst he appealed for a plumb LBW!

However, with Brian, whatever happened on the field, stayed on the field. He was always generous to team mates and opponents after the game, but revelled in playing the pantomime villain on the field.

He did have a tendency to say something when you were fielding that needed to be considered for a short while – was he being serious or was that another of his quips.

Everyone knows he had the worst collection of jokes anyone could ever have, and he was constantly telling you yet another.

It was such an honour to have played with him and to have called him as a friend. He will be so sadly missed by us all.

RIP Peder.

Graham Furber


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Chris Stevens from Division One winners
Bomere Heath



**Dan Bowen from Premier Division winners
Whitchurch with the League's Honorary
Patron, Robin Onions**



Adam Bowen from Division Three winners
Ludlow 3s



Robert Gough from Division Four winners
Hinstock



Will Fox-Davies from Reserve Division One winners Worfield 2s



Simon Topper from Reserve Division Two winners Wellington 4s



**Owen Morris from Division Two winners
Pontesbury**



Steve France from Reserve Division Three
winners Acton Reynald 2s



Tim Stone and Tom Crouch from Sunday Division Two winners Shrewsbury 4s



**Carl Starling from Junior Slam winners
Allscott Heath**



Steve Pitt and Steve Evenett from Sunday
Division One Winners Worfield 3s



Division Three Player of the Year Connor Glendinning from Chelmarsh



Division Two Player of the Year Jason Summers from Allscott Heath



Division Four Player of the Year Ben Taylor from Bridgnorth



Fielder of the Year Matthew Batkin from Whitchurch



Premier Division Player of the Year Will Sparrow from Ludlow



Sunday Division One Player of the Year Dave Marvell from Whirchurch



Young Player of the Year Ismail Anwar from Albrighton



Wicket-keeper of the Year Sam Morris from Newtown



August Player of the Month Luke Blakemore from Wheaton Aston



Lifetime Achievement Award to Brian Perry collected by Paul Strefford



Richard Barge from Division Three runners-up Hodnet, Peplow & Tibberton



Matt Lawrenson from Division Four runners-up Overton on Dee



Reserve Division Two runners up Montgomery 2s



Tom Duddleston from Sunday Division Two runners-up Pontesbury 3s



Reserve Division Two Player of the Year
Simon Topper from Wellington



Award for the most runs in the season went to Connor Glendinning from Chelmarsh

STAT ATTACK!

MOST RUNS

Premier Division: Chris Miller (St Georges) 829 runs @ 46.06 – Highest score of 110*

Division 1: Travis Keys (Bomere Heath) 858 runs @ 47.67 – Highest score of 147

Division 2: Jason Allen (Allscott) 743 runs @ 67.55 – Highest score of 123*

Division 3: Connor Glendinning (Chelmarsh) 1017 runs @ 101.70 – Highest score of 139*

Division 4: Benjamin Taylor (Bridgnorth 3rds) 663 runs @ 66.30 – Highest score of 119*

Division 1 2nd XIs: William Fox Davies (Worfield) 858 runs @ 122.57 - Highest score of 273*

Division 2 2nd XI: Simon Millington (Lilleshall) 900 runs @ 64.29 – Highest score of 143

Division 3 2nd XI: Supul Fernando (Lilleshall) 620 runs @ 68.89 – Highest score of 99*

Sunday Division 1: Dave Marvell (Whitchurch) 723 runs @ 55.62 - Highest score of 103*

Sunday Division 2: Dan Walker (Pontesbury) 609 runs @ 121.80 - Highest score of 151

HIGHEST SCORES

William Fox-Davies 273* Division 1 2nd XI – Cound 2nd XI vs Worfield 2nd XI

William Fox-Davies 264* Division 1 2nd XI – Knockin and Kinnerley vs Worfield CC 2nd

Dean Barrett 215* Division 3 2nd XI – Much Wenlock vs Corvedale

MOST WICKETS

Premier Division: Daniel Bowen (Whitchurch) 64 wickets @ 11.27

Division 1: Chris Stevens (Bomere Heath) 57 wickets @ 8.61

Division 2: Stephen Wilson (Pontesbury) 56 wickets @ 6.84

Division 3: Tom Lea (Iscoyd and Fenns Bank) 41 wickets @ 12.46

Division 4: Dave Sullivan (Allscott Heath CC) 38 wickets @ 8.18

Division 1 2nd XI: Naz Akhtar (St Georges CC) 50 wickets @ 12.02

Division 2 2nd XI: Lee Boden (Broseley) 39 wickets @ 14.31

Division 3 2nd XI: Graeme Hughes (Acton Reynald CC) 37 wickets @ 11.76

Sunday Division 1: Ollie Harris (Frankton) 31 wickets @ 21.97

Sunday Division 2: Richard Chapman (Shrewsbury) 31 wickets @ 10.42

BEST BOWLING (O/M/R/W)

Kenny James (8/3/11/8) – Division 2 2nd XI – Market Drayton vs Bomere Heath

Naz Akhtar (6.3/12/12/8) – Division 1 2nd XI – St Georges vs Wroxeter Grove

Gurdeep Singh (13/1/20/8) Division 2 - 2nd XI - Forton CC vs Shifnal CC 4ths



Changes to the Laws of Cricket

The first major changes to the Laws of Cricket since 2000 came into force on October 1, 2017, so will apply to games in the Henshalls Shropshire County Cricket League this season.

A summary of the changes is listed below, and clubs can contact Umpires Secretary Mike Sheehy mikeandvalsheehy@talktalk.net with any questions. Meetings will be held at four venues in the county on Wednesday/Thursday nights in March to inform clubs of the changes to the laws and how they will be dealt with by the league and changes to league rules.

There are still 42 Laws, although two previous Laws have been deleted, with two additions.

The significant changes are:

- The new Code of Laws is written in language applying to all persons, regardless of gender. The new Code includes an increased use of generic nouns like 'fielder' and 'bowler' and uses 'he/she' when required, together with a broadened disclaimer covering all genders. The term 'batsman' remains, however.

- A change has been made so that the ball can be caught after it strikes a helmet which is being worn by a fielder or the wicket-keeper. With the wearing of helmets by wicket keepers and close fielders now compulsory at many levels of the game, it has been decided that a helmet will be deemed as being part of the fielder's person, meaning that a catch (or stumping) can be taken after the ball has struck the helmet, or become lodged in it.

- The Handled the ball Law has been deleted, with its contents merged into obstructing the field, reducing the list of dismissals from ten to nine. This will have no effect on whether a batsman is dismissed; rather, it is just the method of dismissal that might be changed.

- The Lost ball Law has been deleted and is now covered under Dead ball.

- The old **Law 2** has been divided into two separate Laws, relating to the batsmen (Law

25) and the fielders (Law 24). These Laws have changed the concept of Penalty time, which now starts immediately when a player leaves the field; there is no fifteen minutes grace, so a bowler off for five minutes cannot bowl until five minutes back on the field have elapsed. There is a ninety minutes maximum time and the unexpired fielding time is carried forward into the batting innings.

- Law 2.8 (Suspension of Play in dangerous or unreasonable circumstances)** If one umpire considers the conditions are dangerous or unreasonable, although the other umpire disagrees, play must be suspended.

- Law 5 (The Bat)** places limits on the thickness of the edges and the overall depth of the bat. The maximum dimensions will be 108mm in width (unchanged), 67mm in depth with 40mm edges.

- Law 8.3 (The Bails)** has been changed, to help prevent injuries, to allow specially designed mechanisms which tether the bails to the stumps, thereby restricting the distance that they can fly off the stumps but without limiting their ability to be dislodged.

- Law 21.6 (Runs resulting from a No Ball)** Byes and leg byes scored off a No Ball will now be scored as byes or leg byes and not as No Ball extras.

- Law 24 (Fielders' absence; substitutes)** now allows a substitute to keep wicket, with the consent of the umpires.

- Law 30 (Batsman out of his/her ground)** has been amended to give protection to a running or diving batsman whose bat bounces up after having been grounded beyond the popping crease.

- Law 38 (Run Out)** Batsmen can now be run out by the ball rebounding directly from a fielder's helmet. Non Striker can be run out by a bowler from commencement of run up or action until the bowler would have released the ball.

- Law 41.5 (Deliberate distraction, deception or obstruction of batsman)** Deception now included, which means that "mock fielding" such as pretending to field or throw a non-existent ball and the clapping of hands when a catch is possible will be punished by the award of penalty runs and report.

- Law 41.6 (Bowling of dangerous and unfair short pitched deliveries)**

- Law 41.7 (Bowling of dangerous and unfair non-pitching deliveries)**

Only first and final warning issued before captain is directed to suspend the bowler immediately from bowling. Cautions are now separate for each type of delivery, not combined as previously.

- Law 41.8 (Bowling of deliberate front foot No Ball)** now covers the bowling of deliberate front foot No balls, which will result in the bowler being suspended from bowling.

- Law 41.15 (Striker in protected area)** now prevents the batsman from taking stance in a position where (s)he will inevitably encroach on the protected area.

- Law 41.16 (Non-striker leaving his/her ground early)** has changed so that the non-striker risks being Run out if he/she leaves his/her ground before the bowler would normally be expected to release the ball.

- Law 42 (Player Conduct)** is a new Law which gives an in-match consequence for poor on-field behaviour including, for the most serious offences, temporary or permanent removal from the field of play. Umpires must decide the level of behaviour as it occurs and impose penalty runs or time off the field of one fifth of the current innings or match suspension and report depending on level of behaviour.



Time to apply for Small Grant Scheme

The ECB'S Small Grants Scheme has been launched for 2018, with a shift in emphasis to focus on a number of key initiatives.

The scheme allows clubs to apply for grants to help them carry out projects.

In the last few years the scheme has provided funding for a range of improvements including clubhouse refurbishment, covers, rollers, sightscreens and nets.

In 2018, the ECB Small Grant Scheme aims to support the ECB's national programmes – Get the Game On, All Stars Cricket, Women's Cricket and U19 Club T20.

Priority will be given to applications from affiliated cricket clubs actively engaged with these programmes.

All projects will assist clubs to make small changes to improve their long-term sustainability through projects which will, for example, increase the number of games played, offering either improved family friendly social facilities, improved changing facilities for women cricketers or enabling great events for the U19 Club T20 competition.

Clubs which received an award from the Small Grant Scheme 2017 can reapply in 2018, however, they cannot apply for the same project theme (i.e. covers).

The closing date for applications this year is February 23, with completed forms due to go back to the Cricket Shropshire office at Wrekin College by close of play on this date.

The full application form and guidance notes are available to download from the Cricket Shropshire website www.shropshirecricketboard.co.uk, please read these carefully before applying to the fund.

From the League's point of view, contact Adam Phillips for more information 07876 773918 or email adamp@timberframe.co.uk

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CHANGES TO SENIOR SLAM

With new sponsors Aaron & Partners on board for the T20 KO competitions for 2018, the League is considering making some changes to the format of the Senior Slam, the Knockout Competition for Premier and Division One teams.

The secretaries of all entrants for 2018 should have received an email from Tim Barber, the chair of the organising committee.

The League would be grateful if all relevant clubs could reply to Tim with their comments on the proposals as soon as possible if they haven't done so already. For more information, contact Tim on t223barber@btinternet.com

JUNIOR T20 SLAM

Calling all clubs from Division Two and below (without teams in the Premier or Division One) – 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 Tim Barber – t223barber@btinternet.com – 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.

NATWEST CRICKETFORCE 2018



Clubs across Shropshire can sign up for the 2018 NatWest CricketForce now – and receive a boost from builders' merchant Jewsons.

NatWest CricketForce is a nationwide initiative designed to bring clubs and local communities closer together, and ensure grounds and facilities are ready for the new season.



NatWest CricketForce 2018 will take place on 23 to 25 March with a focus upon supporting the improvement of changing and toilets facilities for women and girls, improving access for disabled people, creating more family friendly function rooms.

Other projects undertaken range from simple paint jobs, sight screen scrubbing and renewed boundary fencing, to brand new changing rooms, function rooms and even a new pavilion.

By registering for NatWest CricketForce you will receive regular newsletters filled with helpful tips and tools to plan for a great event, and you automatically be included in the Jewson Privilege Account Scheme.

The Jewson Privilege Account offers all clubs the opportunity to collect £150 credit for an initial deposit of £50. All you have to do is register, once registered Jewson will be in touch with details of how to activate your account.

To register [FOLLOW THE LINK](#)

It includes a link to the guidance notes about the 2018 Jewson Privilege Account Scheme. If you have any queries about NatWest CricketForce, email natwestcricketforce@ecb.co.uk

OVERSEAS PLAYERS

Thinking of getting someone in from abroad to play in your side next season? Then you'll need to have a read of these guidelines issued by the ECB.

The ECB says: "In advance of next season, it is imperative that all accredited ECB Clubs and Leagues are aware of the updated information regarding Managed Migration in Club Cricket."

"The ECB has been working with accredited

ECB Premier Leagues since September 2016, assisting them with the monitoring and enforcement of the Immigration Rules set by the Home Office.

"Having reviewed levels of compliance as part of the ECB's 2017 season review, it is vital that ECB Clubs and Leagues take note of the information and assistance available to them."

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to read the full ECB Correspondence in regards to this matter.

2017 YEARBOOKS

The League still has a small stock of 2017 season Yearbooks available at the bargain price of £2 each. Please contact Adam Phillips adam@timberframe.co.uk if you'd like a copy.

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 Phillips (Newsletter Writer) Matt Porter (Newsletter Design)

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The easy way to digitally score recreational cricket and automatically upload to **Play-Cricket.com**.

**Including a standalone Duckworth-Lewis calculator for rain affected games.*



Scorebooks, coloured pens and aps

The ECB is bringing free software for laptop scoring to recreational cricket and the professional game ahead of the 2018 season.

Play-Cricket Scorer Pro, a professional digital scoring product, is a fabulous addition to the Play-Cricket family that brings laptop scoring with analysis capability for the dedicated scorer, bringing a complete scoring package for the first class and recreational cricket game.

Key features of Scorer Pro include:

- Live scoring on a laptop (including Apple Macs via parallel software)
- Offline working
- An analytics engine and advanced stats wizard

● Integration with Play-Cricket.com, LED scoreboards and replay screens, websites and social media.

You will be able to access a club's Play-Cricket database of players and teams, use pitch maps, keyboard shortcuts, easy editing and undo, and configure the setup to meet your own needs and preferences.

Score a game using the new Laws of Cricket, with only one click to score a ball.

The ECB is working extensively with a group of the most experienced scorers from the ECB ACO's Scorers Committee to fine tune the product ready for the 2018 season. Every other scorer, club or league will be able to test the product themselves from the end of February.

As always, customer queries will be supported via the Play-Cricket Helpdesk, and further training will be available in due course.

Further information about Play-Cricket Scorer Pro will be added to www.ecb.co.uk/play-cricket

Launched in 2017, PCS was developed for the casual scorer and used by over 25k on a mobile device. Updated throughout the winter, the app now includes batsman and bowler wagon wheels, manhattans and scoring worms.

Various walkthrough guides have been developed: <https://www.ecb.co.uk/be-involved/club-support/play-cricket>

Further details can be found here: <http://www.play-cricket.com/updates>

PITCHES PERFECT?

The Henshalls Shropshire County Cricket League has secured a grant of £3,000 from the ECB's Innovation Fund to finance a programme of pitch inspections, by a qualified pitch adviser, of the grounds of clubs playing in our lower divisions.

The pitch adviser's brief is to inspect their squares, outfield & ground maintenance equipment & then provide a report to the clubs with recommendations for improvement.

Soil analysis will also be carried out as part of the work on the square.

SCCL intends to progress this work over the next few months starting with clubs in Division 4 & working upwards. Clubs will shortly be contacted to make arrangements for the inspections to be carried out.

CLUB CONTACTS

A reminder that clubs 2017 SCCL contact details are required by Martin Murdoch mart.murd@sky.com by Wednesday, February 28.

All club contacts will be entered onto the SCCL league website this season with details accessed by following link <http://www.shropshirecricketleague.co.uk/club-directory>

