

HHCC Committee Report; 2025

Post-Covid our club has been riding the crest of a wave on which our membership numbers, volume of fixtures, number and quality of junior players, subscriptions and bar takings have increased year on year.

Whilst 2025 saw us maintain momentum in some areas, we have this year slipped backwards in others and as such we have a collective responsibility to regain our positive momentum moving forward.

The standout headline of 2025 is shared between the 7 trophies claimed by our junior section and the club's ability and willingness to invest in our playing facilities to the benefit of all.

We will start 2026 with a new ground established at Twickenham RFC and new nets at Carlisle Park; we'll need the space! We are planning for more junior and senior sides than ever before, including the launch of our new Womens' hardball league side.

Work is also now very much underway on a new agreement with the council over our access to Carlisle Park playing, changing and catering facilities and we hope this will be resolved before we start the new season.

As a committee we recognise the challenges our second ground has posed over the past few years, but we believe this facility will continue to be a huge asset going forwards and we must all continue to respect our part in the local community when using this ground.

On the pitch our juniors numbered almost 500 boys and girls; we fielded 23 junior teams who played a staggering 262 games between them. As mentioned, we claimed 7 league and cup wins during the season, whilst still sticking to our inclusive ethos.

As ever a huge thank you goes out to all our coaches, helpers, umpires, scorers, groundstaff and parents for all their efforts that make this possible. To Dave Mackinney for all his work on fixtures, to Mark Broad for leading Sundays, Shrina Limbachia and Rob Wilkinson for leading our girls' section and Rob Fullicks for running our pathway cricket (U17-21).

One of biggest areas of success in recent years has been in our ability to turn junior players into senior cricketers and this continued in 2025. Leading the way Ben Blackshire claimed the club batting trophy, Daniel Mackinney posted over 1,000 runs in all cricket, Louis Juniper (at just 15) became our youngest ever centurion in a senior match and Aditi Sahoo struck our first ever senior cricket 50 by a female player.

Our Colt of the Year, Aditi, is also at the head of a growing number of HHCC cricketers (including Ajmal in the Surrey over 60s!) now playing representative cricket, whilst the performances of our younger players in senior teams provided the highlight of many 2025 weekends.

In senior cricket our First XI battled hard to counter the impact of the loss of a number of players in 2024 and the effect of injuries and sporadic availability. They were again led from the front by the wickets and runs of our league batter of the year, James Boulton, but ultimately endured another tough league season. Results in some very close finishes didn't go with us meaning a second relegation in two years; behind the league position however, we saw the introduction of new recruits and younger pathway players and their early performances suggest much brighter times ahead.

Up and down availability was an issue throughout our senior teams and it shaped the final league positions of all. The 3s came closest to promotion on the back of an eye-catching season for Munir Khan who claimed 38 league wickets (and 54 overall) and ended the year with no less than 5 club awards!

Away from the pitch our costs continue to increase, with winter net providers putting up prices and becoming particularly expensive given our increase in numbers and demand. Meanwhile we've invested in facilities that we hope will help drive up our standard of training and help us meet the increasing demand for matches. We are also committing to much needed maintenance of the clubhouse, which has been largely untouched since the rebuild.

Financially the club remains sound due to performance over the past few years, but in 2025 income is down, driven largely by lower bar takings (a surprise given the long hot summer) and a lower number of lettings.

This season we've recognised two club stalwarts for their efforts; Warren Carr took his place in the HHCC Hall of Fame as part of our Legends Lunch celebrations, whilst Nikki Mackinney received a long overdue Johnson Merit Shield.

All our captains, coaches and volunteers deserve our thanks as do Steve Fidler and Tom Hampton who battled heat, fixtures and worms to produce more pitches than ever before this season.

Huge thanks also go to all involved in running the club; the committee especially, remain focused on ensuring long term success and all put in a great deal of time, energy and passion to drive HHCC forward.

As a committee we are sad to see Rob Fullicks stepping back from his formal duties after a decade or more of helping to manage and run the club. After all his efforts on fixtures, selection, tour, kit and more, he deserves a huge thank you, a break and the chance to concentrate on playing, coaching, supporting or just focusing on getting bar takings back up!

Moving forward, our plan remains consistent:

1. We must nurture, develop and champion our youngsters within our framework and ensure as many as possible transition successfully through the club. This includes investing in coaching and recruiting senior players to ensure we provide the right environment for all and are as competitive in the leagues as possible.
2. We will continue to invest in our facilities to ensure we can continue to attract and maintain cricketing talent and keep pace with our growth in numbers in a sustainable and positive fashion.
3. To do this we must ensure the club remains a strong going concern, managing our costs and driving relevant income to enable us to continue to facilitate cricket for all.

Thanks again to all who support and drive the club; your efforts are noted and very much appreciated and are what help to keep our club the very special place it is.

2025 Items for Noting:

A. Overall Junior Award Winners, 2025:

Bill Haunting Colt of the Year: Aditi Sahoo
Chairmans Cup for Batting: Louis Juniper
Mike Crane Bowling Award: Faraaz Mahmood
Coaches All Rounder Award: Louis Juniper
Doug Hill Most Improved Colt: U13 Girls
Fielder of the Year: Will Davies
Best Junior Performance: George Everett
Outstanding Contribution to Female Cricket: Dave Mason

B. Main Senior Award Winners 2025:

Hall Edwards Batting: Ben Blackshire
Nigel Coates League Batting: James Boulton
Skim Carroll Bowling: Munir Khan
Mike Crane League Bowling: Munir Khan
Pete Cullinan Best Bowling: Munir Khan
Carr Hurst All Rounder: Daniel Mackinney
Udal Raine Young Performance: Louis Juniper
Ian Greenaway Team Player: Keith Bush
Ian Exworth Player of the Year: Munir Khan
Johnson Merit Shield: Nikki Mackinney

C. Membership Numbers 2025:

Playing = 91
Hon VP = 13
VP = 18
Life = 13
Club (parents) = 355
Junior = 491
Total = 981

D. Club Sponsors in 2025:

Headline Sponsor: Owen White & Catlin
Junior Sponsor: Landscape Artisan
Club Sponsor: AE Tutors
Coaches Day Sponsor: Mathnasium Hampton Hill

E. Community Lettings