



GRAPPERS

# 2023 HANDBOOK





## Introduction

Welcome to Grappenhall Cricket Club, one of the leading cricket clubs in the North-West.

We're a warm, welcoming, family-friendly club and are a key part of our local community. We have a real tradition of developing our young cricketers into GCC players of the future and pride ourselves on having strong junior pathways feeding into the senior sides.

We run 3 men's senior teams in the Cheshire County Cricket League, with our 1<sup>st</sup> XI in the ECB Cheshire Premier Division, alongside a strong over 40's team and a newly introduced women's side. Grappers has a successful junior section with age groups ranging from Under 7s to Under 18's. New members are always welcome.

This booklet provides a host of information about the club, but for more information please get in touch.

## Club Details

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Founded 1881

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## Officers

|                             |                             |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Chairman</b>             | Ian Hayes<br>07748 060541   |
| <b>President</b>            | Mike Tyerman                |
| <b>Treasurer</b>            | Mervyn Roberts              |
| <b>Secretary</b>            | Paul Tyerman<br>07912966236 |
| <b>Junior Co-Ordinator</b>  | Becky Roberts               |
| <b>Safeguarding Officer</b> | Mark Dexter<br>07775 226162 |
| <b>Patron</b>               | Neil Fairbrother            |

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| <b>The Management Committee</b> | Luke Boardman<br>Pete Mills<br>Will Sharp<br>Neil Titchard<br>Russ Walker |
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## Captains

|                                       |                                 |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> XI Captain</b>      | Pete Barnes<br>07753 526454     |
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> XI Vice Captain</b> | Albert Pennington / Ben Bodha   |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> XI Captain</b>      | Graeme Rowlands<br>07921 465713 |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> XI Vice Captain</b> | Ross Arrowsmith                 |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> XI Captain</b>      | Dave Tully<br>07808 166710      |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> XI Vice Captain</b> | Tom Ellis                       |
| <b>Over 40s Captain</b>               | Ben Clissold<br>07736 815517    |



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## Honorary Members

### Life Members

H Bramhall  
J Bygate  
L Fairbrother  
M Hales  
S Houghton  
R Naylor  
D Nicholson  
I Roberts  
M Roberts  
N Sharp  
P Sharp  
G Taylor  
N Titchard  
G Turner  
J Tyerman  
M P Tyerman  
P Tyerman

### Life Playing Members

R Green  
N Fairbrother  
S Titchard

### Vice Presidents

R Holmes  
B Hymers  
J Riley

### Honorary Club Member

J Green



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## Function Room Hire

Grappenhall Cricket Club is available to hire for social functions, birthdays, weddings, anniversaries and any other type of celebration!

We have a newly refurbished function room and bar area that can comfortably hold up to 120 guests. We also have a fully fitted kitchen facility and can provide advice on possible catering arrangements.

When you book a function at Grappenhall Cricket Club, it will include use of all the facilities as well as bar staff. We are flexible and will help accommodate your celebration in any way we can.

Prices are individual to the type of booking, depending on the number of guests and the likely duration of the booking.

To discuss availability and costs, please make initial contact with the Club Secretary on 07912 966236 or email [info@grappers.co.uk](mailto:info@grappers.co.uk).



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## Subscriptions

|                          |      |
|--------------------------|------|
| Full Playing Member      | £130 |
| Full Playing U21 Member  | £85  |
| Full Time Student Player | £85  |
| Over 40's Player Only    | £40  |
| Junior Member (U18)      | £85  |
| Social Member            | £30  |

## Kit

Grappenhall CC cricket clothing, training wear and leisure wear is available from our kit supplier Kukri via our online shop.

This is available to purchase for men, women and juniors.

<https://grappers.co.uk/grappers-clothing>



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## History

### The Early Years

Grappenhall Cricket Club played its first game in 1881 on a ground on Bellhouse Lane. The club moved to its current home of Broad Lane in 1892 with a new clubhouse. There have been several new clubhouses built on the existing site with the most recent developments coming in the late 1980's.

In the early days the club played a number of friendly matches, before regular fixtures until the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War. In 1939, before war broke out, Grappers were founder members of the North Cheshire League but the league was stopped at the start of the war and was never resumed. From the 1960's onwards, GCC were members of the Manchester Association .

### The 70's & 80's – The Golden Years

Following promotion to the top division in the late 70's, the 1st XI won the top flight for the first time in 1981. One of Grappenhall's best teams, it included some famous Grappers names such as Duncan Martindale, Rick Houghton, Chris Ashton, Neil Titchard, Jim Green, Nick Sharp and a young Neil Fairbrother, only a few years before he headed off for big things with Lancashire and England.

In 1982, the 1st XI went one better, this time winning the league and cup double with the HC Cup Final being one of a number of appearances the club made at Old Trafford in the 80's. The double was repeated in 1987 with another appearance at Old Trafford.

In 1992, the club were in their last season in Manchester Association before a move to the Cheshire County Cricket League. The 1st XI ended the season in style with a memorable victory over Neston to win the Cheshire Cup for the first and only time.

### Cheshire County Cricket League

1993 marked the start of the clubs CCCL era. In 1994, the 1st XI had an amazing season with a run to the semi-finals of both the Cheshire Cup and the Abbot Ale National Cup, only 1 game away from a final appearance at Lords.

From 2010 to present, the side has spent a number of seasons in the Premier Division. Despite some near misses, the club is still to win its first major trophy in around 20 years.

However, in 2017 the clubs Over 40's team won the Cheshire County League Over 40's competition for the first time, superbly led by Steve Newell and Neil Fairbrother.

Recently in 2022, the 1<sup>st</sup> team set a Cheshire record 14 consecutive league wins to earn promotion back to the Premier Division in 2023.



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## Safeguarding and Accreditation

Grappenhall Cricket Club is affiliated to the England and Wales Cricket Board, and as such, has to comply with a number of accredited procedures to ensure the delivery of safe cricketing practices to our members.

One of these accreditations is called 'ClubMark'. This accreditation sets out a significant number of requirements that each ClubMark club must abide by, and it helps to shape the effective running of a local community cricket club.

Grappers has been compliant with ClubMark ever since the accreditation was first launched in 2008 and the club works hard each year to maintain the standards expected of us, but both you, our members, and of England and Wales Cricket Board.

As part of our ClubMark accreditation, Grappers has a number of Safeguarding practices in place, including having our very own Safeguarding Officer. The club's Safeguarding Officer is Mark Dexter, and his phone number is 07775 226162.

The clubs Safeguarding Officer works with the clubs Management Committee to ensure the safety of all children and young people involved with Grappenhall Cricket Club. This includes making sure all relevant officers, captains and coaches have all undertaken an annual DBS check and that where appropriate, appropriate coaching qualifications are in place.

Our Safeguarding Officer is available to provide any support required to our coaches, where necessary, and is available for parents to discuss any concerns they may have about the club or any individual.



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## Pre-Season Notes

There is a lot of optimism at Grappers ahead of the 2023 season, with the 1<sup>st</sup> XI back in the Cheshire Premier League for the first time since the 2019 season.

Attendance throughout the indoor winter nets programme was strong, as we integrated women's training alongside our men's for the first time ever!

The Frogbox Derby II Race Night raised over £2,000 on Saturday 25th March, whilst turnout at the Groundforce Day on the following Saturday was excellent.

The club has seen five additions to the playing group ahead of the season, none bigger than our overseas for 2023, Tom 'Moxy' MacRury, our first Kiwi in almost 20 years!

Moxy hails from the Bay of Plenty in New Zealand and is a spin-bowling all-rounder. At 28 years of age, he is in his prime and will be a fantastic addition to the group.

Exciting Lancashire 2's all-rounder Arav Shetty has also arrived, alongside a homecoming for Tom Bramhall, grandson of former president Harry, and son of Steve. Left-arm spinner Sam Riordan and batting all-rounder Sam Newton complete the pack.

Pete Barnes returns for his second year of 1<sup>st</sup> team captaincy following promotion from Div 1 in 2022, whilst Graeme Rowlands and Dave Tully are also back for second stints in charge of the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI and 3<sup>rd</sup> XI respectively. Ben Clissold remains a popular choice in marshalling the over 40's, who will look to go one better than the Q/F they achieved last season, knocked out in tough conditions away at Hyde in a thriller.

Our Women's team, launched in 2022, continue their development with entry into more softball tournaments this season following a weekly indoor league through the winter.

Best of luck to all of our sides during the season, and we look forwards to welcoming everyone to Grappers during the Summer!



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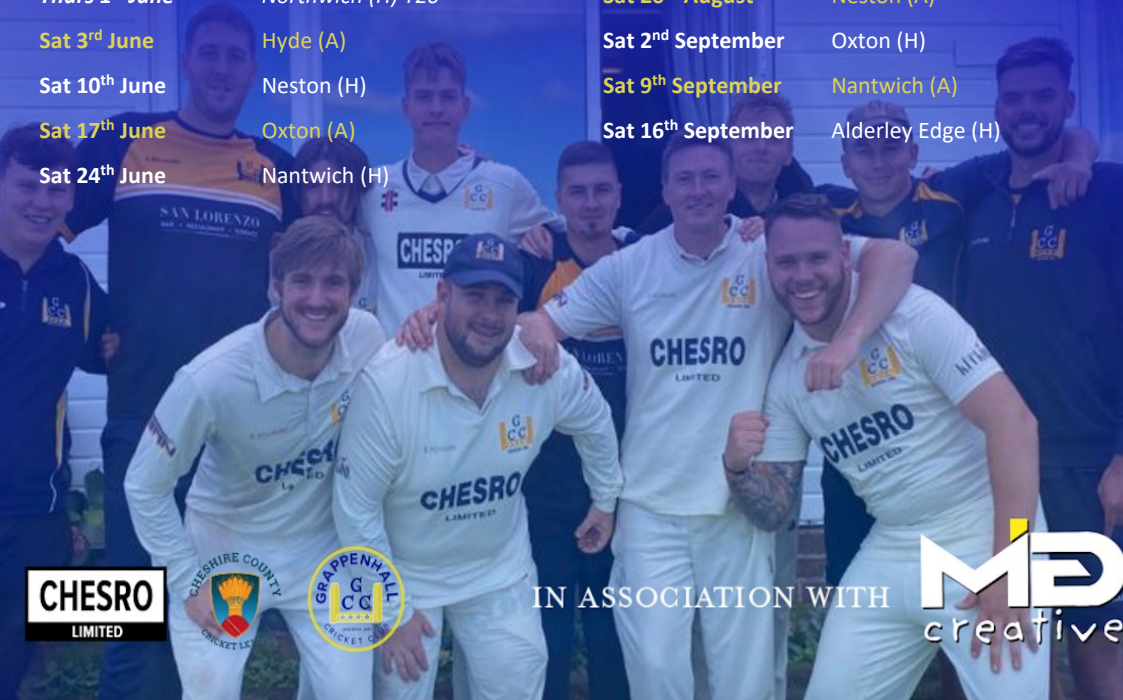
# 1st XI



“The season ahead has great potential to be a big year for the 1s as we look to challenge ourselves against the best in Cheshire.”

- Pete Barnes (1<sup>st</sup> XI Captain)

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|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> April | Toft (H)                  | Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> July       | Alderley Edge (A)         |
| Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> April | Widnes (A)                | Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> July       | Toft (A)                  |
| Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> May    | Brooklands (A)            | Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> July      | Widnes (H)                |
| Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> May   | Didsbury (H)              | Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> July      | Brooklands (H)            |
| Sat 20 <sup>th</sup> May   | Cheadle (A)               | Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> July      | Didsbury (A)              |
| Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> May   | Urmston (H) CUP           | Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> August     | Cheadle (H)               |
| Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> May | Warrington (A) T20        | Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> August    | Chester Boughton Hall (A) |
| Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> May   | Chester Boughton Hall (H) | Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> August    | Hyde (H)                  |
| Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> June | Northwich (H) T20         | Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> August    | Neston (A)                |
| Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> June   | Hyde (A)                  | Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> September  | Oxton (H)                 |
| Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> June  | Neston (H)                | Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> September  | Nantwich (A)              |
| Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> June  | Oxton (A)                 | Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> September | Alderley Edge (H)         |
| Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> June  | Nantwich (H)              |                                |                           |



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# 2nd XI



“I can’t wait for the season to begin, and to watch some standout performances as we look to get back in the prem.”

- Graeme Rowlands (2<sup>nd</sup> XI Captain)

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|----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> April | Widnes (A)              | Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> July       | Widnes (H)              |
| Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> April | Oulton Park (H)         | Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> July      | Oulton Park (A)         |
| Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> May    | Heaton Mersey (H)       | Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> July      | Heaton Mersey (A)       |
| Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> May   | Bramhall (A)            | Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> July      | Bramhall (H)            |
| Sat 20 <sup>th</sup> May   | Romiley (H)             | Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> August     | Romiley (A)             |
| Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> May   | Timperley (A)           | Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> August    | Timperley (H)           |
| Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> June   | Macclesfield (H)        | Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> August    | Macclesfield (A)        |
| Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> June  | Alvanley (A)            | Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> August    | Alvanley (H)            |
| Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> June  | Marple (H)              | Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> September  | Marple (A)              |
| Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> June  | Alderley Edge (A)       | Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> September  | Alderley Edge (H)       |
| Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> July   | Stockport Georgians (H) | Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> September | Stockport Georgians (A) |

# 3rd XI



“As the first taste of senior cricket for our juniors, the glorious 3s are looking forward to blooding more talent from the Grappenhall production line.”

- Dave Tully (3<sup>rd</sup> XI Captain)

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|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> April | Davenham (A)            | Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> July      | Didsbury (A)            |
| Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> April | Runcorn (H)             | Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> July      | Heaton Mersey (H)       |
| Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> May    | Northwich (H)           | Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> July     | (Hyde A)                |
| Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> May    | Heaton Mersey (A)       | Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> July     | Ashley (H)              |
| Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> May   | Hyde (H)                | Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> July     | North East Cheshire (A) |
| Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> May   | Ashley (A)              | Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> August    | Brooklands (H)          |
| Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> May   | North East Cheshire (H) | Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> August   | Ashton-on-Mersey (A)    |
| Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> June   | Brooklands (A)          | Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> August   | Bowdon (H)              |
| Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> June  | Ashton-on-Mersey (H)    | Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> August   | Cheadle (A)             |
| Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> June  | Bowdon (A)              | Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> September | Didsbury (H)            |
| Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> June  | Cheadle (H)             |                               |                         |



# 40's



"Can't wait to get going with a top set of boys after a fantastic turnout to winter nets!"

- Ben Clissold (Over 40's Captain)

|                           |                   |                            |                |
|---------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> May   | Brooklands (A)    | Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> June  | Davenham (A)   |
| Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> May  | Ashley (H)        | Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> June  | Timperley (H)  |
| Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> May  | Cheadle (A)       | Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> July   | Sale (A)       |
| Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> May  | Alderley Edge (H) | Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> July  | Urmston (H)    |
| Wed 31 <sup>st</sup> May  | Cheadle Hulme (A) | Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> July  | Brooklands (H) |
| Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> June  | Toft (H)          | Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> July  | Ashley (A)     |
| Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> June | Bowdon Vale (H)   | Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> August | Cheadle (H)    |

# WOMEN



“After a successful inaugural season finishing 3rd place in our first ever indoor league, we head outdoors with a sense of excitement at what the season holds.”

- Rebecca Ellis (Women's Captain)

2022 was a historic year for Grappers as we introduced Women's Cricket for the first time at the club.

We started with two Open Days for Women and Girls, excellently hosted by the Cheshire Cricket Board.

Weekly training sessions followed, before we started entering outdoor softball tournaments after eight weeks of preparation!

Winter has been outstanding for the group, as we played in the Cheshire Central Indoor Softball League before joining the men's winter programme at Bridgewater.

We have lots planned this season as we enter a competitive side into the Outdoor Cheshire Softball League for the first time in our history!

We couldn't be prouder of our adventure so far and welcome women and girls of all levels and ability to come and join us on our journey.

- Widnes (A)
- Oakmere (A)
- Runcorn (H)
- Alvanley (H)
- Toft (H)
- Kingsley (A)
- Northwich (H)
- Dates tbc.



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# JUNIORS



|                            |                   |                            |                   |
|----------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> April | Langley (H)       | Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> April | Toft (A)          |
| Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> April | Alderley Edge (A) | Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> April | Macclesfield (H)  |
| Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> May    | Middlewich (A)    | Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> May    | Lindow (H)        |
| Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> May   | Timperley (H)     | Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> May   | Mobberley (A)     |
| Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> May   | Nantwich (A)      | Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> May   | Bowdon (H)        |
| Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> May   | Macclesfield (H)  | Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> May   | Timperley (A)     |
| Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> June   | Bowdon (H)        | Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> June   | Alderley Edge (A) |

Additional junior fixtures will be scheduled in due course within other competitions. Team Managers will notify parents and players of additional fixture dates when dates become known.



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