



HOLMESDALE CRICKET CLUB

On behalf of my Committee and myself, welcome to our Club!

One can see all types of clubs in the U.K, from those who treat new members with suspicion and disdain, to those who genuinely open their doors and say, "come in, the more, the merrier". I can say without fear of contradiction that we fall squarely into the latter category. Our Club, founded in 1840 has a place and a welcome for every person who wants to play cricket, irrespective of age, creed or ability. We have a thriving Junior Section, an enthusiastic Women's Section, a strong player development pathway, as well as a full programme for senior players, competing in the Kent League. In addition, we have a growing group of young disabled players who thoroughly enjoy their sessions with us.

All these developments have not happened accidentally or by chance, but by the dedication of a small band of enthusiasts who have identified a need in the community for certain activities and facilities to be created and those people have "made it happen".

As our connections with the local community have strengthened, so have the opportunities we have been able to provide and this expansion of activities has allowed us to secure the very best in terms of coaching staff and modern equipment. When dealing with younger members, their safety and enjoyment have been out watchwords and we are proud that many of the increasing number of youngsters who attend our summer camps are introduced by their friends who are already members.

It is therefore, with pleasure and pride that I write this forward to our Clubmark statement.

Michael Smout
Chairman
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