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Belvoir Castle Cricket Trust is working with J.S. Wright & Sons to offer benefactors the chance to grow their own top quality cricket bats.

The Trust is offering benefactors the chance to plant a tree near the Trust's home on the Belvoir Estate, watch it grow over the next few years – and then take delivery of a number of blades ready to make in to very personal cricket bats.

Benefactors will know that the money they spend on their tree will be used to support the work the Trust is doing with youngsters – whilst having the opportunity to give a young cricketer of the future a very special bat to play their cricket with. BCCT's mission is to encourage participation in cricket in rural communities and to create access to cricket and the countryside for disadvantaged young people.



## The Process

J.S. Wright was established in 1894 and is still run by the Wright family. It is the World's largest and oldest established company supplying English Cricket Bat Willow.

This winter (2009/10), J.S. Wright will plant around 50 English Willow Sets near the cricket ground at Knipton. These are 4 year old "young" trees that Wrights have cultivated. The trees are to be maintained by the staff of Wrights and the Belvoir Estate for their lifetime.

After 15-20 years, The trees are felled by Wrights and transported to their base in Chelmsford where the wood is cut in to 28 inch "rolls" with a chain saw. Each roll is divided up to obtain an optimum number of "clefts", which are then shaped in to a "blade". Both ends are waxed to prevent splitting and the blade is finally air dried to the required moisture content.

At this stage, Wrights will tell you that the blades from your tree are ready for collection – and you can arrange for these to be shipped to the manufacturer of your choice.

## The Offer

Belvoir Castle Cricket Trust is offering two options for Benefactors wishing to join the cricket bat willow scheme. In either case you will receive:-

- An English Willow "set" planted in your name and uniquely numbered near the cricket ground at Belvoir
- The experience of J.S. Wright and Sons to nurture the tree through to felling in 15-20 years time
- The opportunity to visit the Belvoir Castle Cricket Trust over the years to follow the progress of your tree
- A Gift Certificate signed by the Trust Patron, Her Grace the Duchess of Rutland

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## Option 1 - the "Cricketer Gift"

The opportunity to have 5 "blades" from your tree. These will be held by J.S. Wright and transferred to the Cricket Bat Manufacturer of your choice to create personal bats.

£950 (this includes payment of £265 plus a donation of £685)

## Option 2 - the "Team Investment"

The opportunity to have 12 "blades" from your tree. These will be held by J.S. Wright and transferred to the Cricket Bat Manufacturer of your choice to create personal bats.

£1,200 (this includes payment of £265 plus a donation of £935)

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Please fill out the form and return to: **Belvoir Castle Cricket Trust, Belvoir Castle, Grantham, NG32 IPE**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Contact telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please tick appropriate box:

Option 1 - the "Cricketer Gift"

Option 2 - the "Team Investment"

I enclose a cheque  
(made payable to "Belvoir Castle Cricket Trust") for: \_\_\_\_\_

## Gift Aid

I want the Belvoir Castle Cricket Trust (*a registered charity in England and Wales - 1131442*) to treat the enclosed donation of **£685/£935** (*delete as appropriate*) as a Gift Aid donation.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

### Notes to Donor/Benefactor

You must pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax at least equal to the tax that the charity reclaims on your donations in the appropriate tax year.

You can cancel this Declaration at any time by notifying the charity. If in the future your circumstances change and you no longer pay tax on your income and capital gains equal to the tax that the charity reclaims, you can cancel your declaration.

If you pay tax at the higher rate you can claim further tax relief in your Self Assessment tax return.

Please notify the charity if you change your name or address.