



BELVOIR CASTLE
CRICKET & COUNTRYSIDE TRUST



Review
2014

It's been a wonderful year for the Belvoir Castle Cricket Trust. After 6 years of enormously hard graft by the team, led by Darren Bicknell and Neil Atkins, we are seeing the fruits of those labours. I am delighted to say that is in the form of happy children from all over the East Midlands and the Vale of Belvoir having the opportunity to play cricket and experience the beauty of our countryside.

Each year in this message, I talk about the glorious summers (of which we have been blessed again this year). However, we should not forget that the work of the Trust goes on all year around. We had a wonderful video created by Joe Caneen that covers the whole of the year. I encourage you to



see and hear the special needs children working with Darren and Neil on indoor cricket - and competing in an indoor table cricket tournament.

Darren later in the review discusses how the Trust has helped Melton Mowbray Cricket Club. That's a wonderful story and a massive achievement for children, volunteers and community for the town as a whole.

We continue to reach over 2000 children with our work each year. We have had some success in fund raising - and I make special thank you to all those who kindly supported the Belvoir Castle Charity Shoot this year. We will work over the coming years to grow our activities and the numbers of children that we reach.

I would also like to say a big thank you to our 68 volunteers who give so generously of their time. Our projects could not happen without your support as you continue to be the lifeblood of the Trust.

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I am enjoying learning more about the cricket community and we greatly appreciate their generosity. The MCC continue to give support - and I hope the fact that my Duchess of Rutland XI beat them this year will not put them off. It's also been a pleasure to develop the Trust's relationship with Graeme Swann and Anton Du Beke. They are magnificent ambassadors for the Trust and it was lovely that Graeme made a generous donation from his Benefit Year activities this year. Thank you.

We look forward to 2015. Let's hope for a glorious summer - but I will not be forgetting this is an all year around effort by all the team.

Well done.

Emma Rutland

Emma, Her Grace the Duchess of Rutland



We often complain about our summers but 'wow' this one has been a very good one hasn't it? I am also delighted to say that it has been a cracking good one for the Belvoir Castle Cricket Trust with another 2,296 children coming through our programmes.

One of the things we have done this year is to put our work into pictures. With the help of 'The Video Whisperer' aka Joe Caneen we have put together a promotional video which absolutely took my breath away when I first saw it.

Sometimes when you are involved in something every day and get bogged down with the detail we forget what we do. The video tells the story of the Belvoir Castle Cricket Trust and documents our various projects. The thing that struck me the most was the smiling faces of our children and also the smiling faces of our staff and volunteers – who says work can't be fun? I really hope you will take the time to take a look at our video and share the enjoyment. It can be found on YouTube by typing in Belvoir Castle Cricket Trust.



I truly hope that our children continue to be inspired by being involved in our work and that that in turn this will allow them to aspire to be the best that they can be.

One story that I would like to share with you is the story of Melton Mowbray cricket club. Five years ago a chap by the name of Rupert Smallshaw answered an advert of mine that we were looking for local clubs with no junior sections with the idea of us helping to kick start one. They were a club a bit down on themselves. Formerly a thriving town club they had only one Saturday side a struggling Sunday side with no junior cricket and possibly no future.

We worked hard to find and train their club members to become coaches, we went into local schools attending assemblies and we set plans to help develop their club. I will never forget our first training night when we had 12 volunteer coaches and 8 children! It is fair to say I received some slightly concerned looks.

4 years later the club is thriving because they took the time and the effort to invest in their future. They now have 2 senior teams on a Saturday, 1 on a Sunday, 2 junior quick cricket teams at under 10's and teams at under 11's and under 13's and in 2015 they will be running an under

15's team. Indeed 5 of our initial intake of Melton Belvoir Bees are now playing senior cricket. They have a fantastic coaching team led by Carl Tew and Peter Hood, supported by Belvoir Castle Cricket Trust staff coach Keith Tomblin and a fantastic support team of Mum's and other volunteers which are really putting the club on the map.

It just shows what can be achieved with good people around you.

I can certainly vouch for that and I would like to say a personal thank you to Neil Atkins my Assistant Director, to our Chairman Phil O'Brien, Patron Her Grace the Duchess of Rutland, to our Trustees but most of all to our volunteers and supporters, we would be lost without you.

We have received some tremendous support with the ever challenging need to fund raising and special mention should go to Her Grace the Duchess of Rutland for allowing us to be the benefitting charity of the Belvoir Castle Charity Clay shoot, to my good friend Graeme Swann who made a significant donation to the BCCT from his Benefit Year, to the MCC for their continued support and there are many others who deserve a mention but alas I am running out of space. They will be mentioned later.

We will not rest on our achievements and we strive to get better at what we do. So to finish I would like to say A huge thank you to all our 'Friends' and roll on 2015.



Darren Bicknell
Belvoir Castle Cricket Trust Director



- 7 venues across Leicestershire & Lincolnshire
- giving children, 6-11 years, the opportunity to play sport and learn skills on a regular basis
- encouraging involvement of adult volunteers in sports activities
- involving all members of the family in the activities through social interaction in a rural community

Belvoir Bee's coaching took place at 7 rural/small town venues. These sessions provide an opportunity for children to participate in sport, learn new skills and improve on ones already gained. Groups are split into age / ability groups so children can not only develop at their own pace but enables the more talented to develop a little further. With volunteers from the local club assisting at the venues this enables the clubs to develop their junior sections whilst giving the children exit routes to more competitive cricket.

The bee's sessions promote inclusion and regular 90 minutes activity on a weekly basis for 20 weeks through the summer months.

The Belvoir Bees continues to help & support the development of local community volunteers. Adults from the local club & parents take part in training sessions to develop them as volunteers. This enables them to assist with the sessions and contribute to their local community activities.

During 2014 the Belvoir Bees had the support of 28 local volunteers helping with sports coaching & administration of the sessions.

The sessions provide a focussed way for local families to meet and generally become more involved in developing their community. Through the introduction and running of the Belvoir Bees, the Trust has been instrumental in the regeneration of small, rural and in some cases failing cricket clubs by working with them to develop sustainable junior cricket sections and enabling a pathway for youngsters to access competitive junior cricket:



This year the Trust ran a friendly Kwik cricket tournament of which 5 teams entered from 4 of the venues with 40 children taking part.

Our 2014 Venues:

Harlaxton

- 54 children registered
- Small community with limited catchment
- 3 regular volunteers

Great Dalby

- 37 children registered
- entered 1 team Kwik Cricket league
- 4 regular volunteers

Whissendine

- 14 children registered
- 4 regular volunteers

Grantham

- 12 children registered
- 4 regular volunteers

Knipton

- 105 children registered
- Club ran Kwik & hard ball U11s, U12s & U14s cricket teams
- Winter junior coaching ran winter 2013
- 6 regular volunteers

Long Clawson

- 17 children registered
- 2 regular volunteers

Melton Mowbray

- 51 children registered
- 2 Kwik & 2 junior teams entering Leicestershire leagues
- 5 regular volunteers

The Bees continues to be well received with positive feedback from parents and children:

"Our son really enjoyed his second year at the Harlaxton Belvoir Bees session, was always raring to go every week and made some new friends both within the village and beyond. As well as developing a handy throw he has learnt how to be part of a team and support others. The sessions always kept his interest throughout and the coaches were friendly and encouraging at all times"

Nikki Lee

Mum of Toby Lee, age 8

In 2015 the Trust will:

- Belvoir Bees project will continue at 7 venues. We plan to introduce award scheme and continue with a summer tournament between venues.
- The sessions will also be used to further encourage volunteer engagement and community integration.
- To continue the development of junior cricket for 11+ the Trust will continue to work closely with local clubs in supporting them until they become self-sufficient in running their own junior cricket.
- The Trust will also support Belvoir Bees venues in working with the English and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) and nurturing relationships with the regional ECB Boards to develop and grow these Cricket Clubs.



Cricket and Countryside School Days

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1,522 children taking part in 19 days; 3,044hrs of sports education and 3,805hrs of countryside education delivered.

- helping schools to offer a varied curriculum and enthuse children about countryside and sports activities.
- giving the opportunity for city primary school children to visit the countryside
- introducing children to the game of cricket.



The Cricket & Countryside School Days give schools the opportunity to bring their students to the Belvoir Estate to take part in outdoor learning, gaining skills and knowledge in cricket and countryside activities. The days assist schools to be able to enhance the delivery of their curriculum and give children the opportunity to learn new skills in a different learning environment.

In the summer of 2014, a total of 31 schools visited giving over 1,500 children 4½ hours of sports and countryside educational activities. The children learnt from specialist ECCB Level 3 & 2 coaches and local people such as the farmer, woodman, gamekeeper, huntsman, gun-dog handlers and the birds of prey keepers. The days typically included 2 hours sports education and 2½ hours of 'countryside education'.

With the support of Her Grace the Duchess of Rutland, the Belvoir Estate staff and local volunteers over 361 hours of volunteer time was spent with the children.



The Trust continually strives to improve the days. Of the feedback/evaluation forms returned following their visit 100% of the schools rated the day excellent, their objectives for the day were fully met and that they would return again.

"The Swallowdale Year 5/6 children thoroughly enjoyed their Belvoir Estate Cricket Day last Summer term, 2014. I knew the day would be a huge success because of the brilliant School Assembly Darren had done prior to my school's visit. The whole day was superbly well organised and everyone who coached the children, then those who took the afternoon sessions on how game-keeping, birds of prey and local farming operate, fully captivated the children and teachers and helpers. The ordinance survey challenge was also thoroughly enjoyed, particularly by the teachers as there was no worry of the children getting lost!! We shall return this Summer as the children really improved their cricket skills and knowledge about the countryside as well as having great fun. A fantastic day. Thanks to Darren, Neil and all those who contributed on the day. Superb."

Ian Cant

(PE teacher, Swallowdale Primary School, Melton).

In 2015 the Trust will:

- Continue to extend the reach of the Trust to include schools from within an area of 25 miles around Belvoir Castle where the school days will be used to promote all the Bees venues.
- Look to partner with other similar organisations that deliver 'outside' education.
- Work closely with the Schools to enhance the educational and lifestyle messages that are delivered and where possible look to twin schools from different backgrounds (i.e. small rural schools with larger, multi-cultural inner city schools).
- The Trust are continuing to look to increase participation from rural & Inner City Schools in the days.



Teach Cricket Programme

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Providing 138 children with 966 hours of high quality sports coaching across 7 weeks.

- Enhancing schools' sports curriculum delivery and after-school club provision
- Providing exit routes for children to continue with out-of-school sport.
- Providing CPD opportunities for school staff.

Our in-school programme works with rural schools to enhance their sports curriculum provision providing cricket opportunities for children.

Cricket is all inclusive and not only provides physical education but can also contribute to the curriculum in many ways:

- Physical education (playing cricket, learning skills)
- English (match reports, verbal communication)
- ICT (scoring, scorecards / books)
- Mathematics (scoring, run rates, strategy)
- Citizenship (rules, responsibility, teamwork and individual contribution, etiquette, strategy, diplomacy)
- Personal, social and health education (role models, active and healthy lifestyle)



During 2014 the programme was delivered in 7 Vale of Belvoir primary schools, all of which were outside the boundaries / catchment for the well-known Chance to Shine project. Our programme was over a 7 week period, each school received weekly cricket coaching sessions during the summer.

The project was supported by The Cricket Society Trust who raise funds to:

"...broaden the horizons of those youngsters through understanding the values that cricket can bring to their lives... We are pleased to help Darren and his team develop programmes which will enhance opportunities for youngster's to appreciate how cricket can be both fun and educational." **Ken Merchant**, Trustee and Hon. Secretary, The Cricket Society Trust.

In 2015 the Trust will:

- We are planning to extend this project to more schools delivering a shorter programme to each school and include a tournament at the end of the programme.
- Exit routes for opportunities for further participation out of school at the local Belvoir Bee's junior cricket sessions will be promoted to all children.



Special Needs Schools Programme

334 children with 1,394 hours of active sport and 142 education hours

Our special needs school days and in-school cricket coaching throughout the winter were again supplemented with a project of table cricket that enabled children with severe physical disabilities to participate in cricket.

The table cricket element was complimented by a 'finals day' held at the Lee Westwood Sports Centre at Nottingham University which was supported by 9 schools. This was delivered in partnership with the Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club – and was a huge success. We aim to repeat it in 2015.

Over a 5 week period (February - March), 9 schools each received weekly cricket coaching from Trust Director Darren Bicknell, with on average 30 children taking part at each school.

The programme continued with these children by giving them the opportunity of taking part in the Cricket and Countryside School Days at the Belvoir Estate during the summer.

'Ash Lea School is pleased to continue their link with Belvoir Castle Cricket Club again this year. The provision of coaching in school allows the pupils to receive coaching from specialists. It gives them the opportunity to experience and learn cricket and to be part of a team. The visit to the cricket club extends that opportunity to put their cricketing skills in to practice in an authentic setting and to have a fun day out in the countryside. The visit to the castle is often a highlight of the day, especially when animals are involved!'

Jane Ash Lea School



- 68 volunteers delivered 1,086 volunteer hours

- involving adults in volunteering, enabling them to actively contribute to their local community.
- giving focused skills training for specific needs of the Trust projects – without getting hindered by administration/qualifications
- giving volunteers clear responsibility to help coach – without the administrative or responsibility burden associated with helping at a sports club (e.g. can you join the committee; will you ring around the parents; can you organise the fixtures; can you buy the cricket balls; etc.)



The scheme continues to be hugely successful with 68 volunteers (both coaching and education) from the local communities working in the Trust's projects in 2014.

28 volunteers helped on the Belvoir Bees cricket project. The Trust Director delivers training workshops for our cricket volunteers to not only develop their knowledge of cricket but their communication and teaching skills & techniques.

The Trust ensures that these volunteer hours are spent on direct contact hours with the children and not on administrative tasks. Additional volunteers have also come forward to help with fundraising and administration such as child registration at sessions.



In 2015 the Trust will:

- Continue to increase our volunteer network through communication and actively engaging with the parents and local community, whilst continuing to develop lead coaches at each of the venues.
- We will also assist in developing and nurturing members of the local cricket clubs to enable those clubs to continue in the development of junior cricket.





Our 2014 Volunteers

Countryside

Anne Campbell-Lamerton
Cindy Keeley
Dave Boynton
David Crossland
George Grant
George Pearce
Harry Horton
Jim Wiggins
John Holliday
John Shearon
Kyle Burden
Lady Sarah
McCorquodale
Pauline Shepherd
Peter Bates
Phil Burt
Rhi Clarke
Richard Botterill
Ron Wells
Sophie Oliver
Tom Keely
Tom West
Ben Emptage

Coaching

Alan Lockwood
Carl Tew
Charlie Lyle
Chris Dickinson
Eddie Pearson
John Mace
John Sunderland
Jonny Bingham
Ken Kirk
Malcolm Edwards
Martin James
David Rogers
Nigel Dickinson
Peter Hood
Robert Hendy
Rory Kerr
Rosie Penford
Rupert Smallshaw
Sam Bicknell
Tony Mould
James Culy
Linda Stoakley
Chris Lamb
Rachel Dyer
Liz Carter
Steve Crawford
Alex Wheeler
Alex Tuppen-Corps

Other

Andy Mitchell
Fay Lawrence
Claire Bicknell
David Mitchell
Emma Atkins
Graeme Swan
Anton Du Beke
Alex Morgan-Jones
Julie James
Kate Bates
Olivia Buxton
Nick Morgan
Nicky Somerville
Nina Coverley
Peter James
Vic Heppenstall
Wendy Brown

Duchess of Rutland XI vs. MCC – Tuesday 8th July at the Knipton Cricket Ground, Belvoir

The MCC continue to support the Trust in our efforts to involve more people in grass roots cricket. The annual cricket match took place on a beautiful sunny day at the delightful Knipton Cricket Ground in the grounds of Belvoir Castle with victory going to the Duchess XI by the very close margin of 6 runs. The game was followed by dinner in the state dining room at Belvoir Castle where the guests listened to tales from the well, known former England Cricketer and now Journalist Mike Selvey. The dinner was attended by 105 guests from the MCC Committee, Officials, Members, Players and Guests and was hosted by Her Grace the Duchess of Rutland.



Golf Day – Thursday 1st September 2014, Radcliffe on Trent, Nottingham

Our successful annual Golf Day continued with our Golf Day at Radcliffe on Trent. This year we raised £2,691 from the event. Mick Newell Director of Cricket at Nottinghamshire CCC and England Selector took part in a fun Q&A with trust Director Darren Bicknell. Our 6th running of the annual event was won by Lee Collier and his Stratstones team. We have confirmed a date for Thursday 10th September 2015.

Belvoir Castle Charity Clay Shoot Day 1st May 2014, Belvoir Castle

The Trust were delighted to be named as the benefitting Charity for the 2014 annual Charity Clay Shoot Day at Belvoir Castle. The Duchess of Rutland hosted an amazing day culminating in an extraordinary auction which raised the Charity £25,423. The Trust were supported on the Day by Anton Du Beke from Strictly Come Dancing and by Graeme Swann who provided much entertainment. We are extremely grateful to Her Grace the Duchess of Rutland for her continued support. A date of 30th April 2015 has been confirmed and once again the Belvoir Castle Cricket Trust are to be one of the Charities.



Dinner with Derek Randall at Langar Hall, Sunday 14th September

Langar Hall kindly hosted a lovely evening of drinks, dinner and dessert followed by a Question and Answer session with Trust Director Darren Bicknell and Nottinghamshire and England Legend Derek Randall. Randall recalled many hilarious stories and the evening was a great success. Our thanks go to Imogen for hosting us.



12-20 Belvoir Field Sports Club

This summer saw the continued development of the 12-20 Belvoir Field Sports Club, a project designed to introduce and teach children the ways of the Countryside. Fishing, Shooting, Hunting and Cricket are the core activities that the children between, 10-14 enjoyed along with Falconry, Gun Dog demonstrations, walking the Belvoir Hounds and tours of the castle along the way. 2 nights spent under canvas on the beautiful estate here at Belvoir led to a truly fantastic experience. The project is aimed at the children's development and also as a fund raiser for the Belvoir Castle Cricket Trust and will run again in 2015 on Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th July. Adding to this we introduced a Young Guns experience at Christmas, designed at introducing young people to the world of shooting on the estate here at Belvoir Castle. All the young guns enjoyed a day of shooting, beating and picking up, thereby experiencing the whole 'Shoot' experience. This is to be repeated in 2015 and details are available on the 12-20 Fieldsports website www.bfs12-20club.com



2015 Planned Events

- Belvoir Castle Charity Clay Shoot Thursday 30th April
- MCC v Duchess of Rutland XI – held at Knipton Cricket Ground on the Wednesday 5th August
- BCCT Corporate 6-a-side to be held at the Knipton Cricket Ground Thursday 3rd September tbc
- BCCT Charity Golf Day to be held at Radcliffe on Trent Golf Club on Thursday 10th September
- 1220 Belvoir Field Sports Club 23rd to 24th July tbc
- Langar Hall Dinner tbc

BELVOIR CASTLE CRICKET TRUST LTD

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Statement of financial activities For the year ended 30 September 2014

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2014 £	Total 2013 £
INCOME				
Charitable activities				
Cricket and Countryside Days	5,364	10,300	15,664	8,612
Belvoir Bees	6,678	970	7,648	8,048
Teach Cricket	-	2,000	2,000	3,731
Special Needs	-	4,900	4,900	5,700
Fundraising activities				
Cricket	5,920	-	5,920	9,730
Golf	4,970	-	4,970	4,324
Cricket Bat Willow	500	-	500	750
Celebrity Dinner – Langar Hall	1,000	-	1,000	-
Charity Shoot	25,723	-	25,723	-
Other	20	-	20	804
Other grants and donations etc.	37,791	-	37,791	44,276
Bank Interest	29	-	29	34
Total incoming resources	87,995	18,170	106,165	86,009
EXPENDITURE				
Charitable activities				
Cricket and Countryside Days	8,639	10,300	18,939	19,126
Belvoir Bees	26,747	970	27,717	27,191
Teach Cricket	2,300	2,000	4,300	4,063
Special Needs	399	4,900	5,299	5,897
Fundraising activities				
Cricket	5,410	-	5,410	8,964
Golf	2,232	-	2,232	1,964
Cricket Bat Willow	250	-	250	250
Charity Shoot	1,665	-	1,665	-
Other	4,824	-	4,824	2,784
Marketing and promotion & Travel	13,295	-	13,295	9,882
Other expenses	5,858	-	5,858	4,802
Total resources expended	71,619	18,170	89,789	84,923
Net incoming)outgoing(resources	16,376	-	16,376	1,086
Total funds brought forward	23,743	-	23,743	22,657
Total funds carried forward	40,119	-	40,119	23,743
Represented by;				
Current Assets			41,782	28,778
Less - Liabilities			(1,663)	(5,035)
Net Assets			40,119	23,743

Full Copies of the Accounts are available at
www.charitycommission.org.uk or www.belvoircastlecrickettrust.co.uk

TRUSTEES' STATEMENT

The extract from the financial statements has been agreed by our independent examiner, Elliot Harris FCA, DChA, as being consistent with the full financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2014. These were prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Accounting Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities 2005".

This extract from the financial statements is not the full statutory financial statements and therefore may not contain sufficient information to enable a full understanding of the financial affairs of Belvoir Castle Cricket Trust Ltd. For further information the full Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts, and the full Independent Examiner's report should be consulted. Copies of these can be obtained from the registered office. The full financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 24th November 2014 and have been submitted to the Charity Commission and Companies House.

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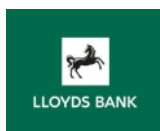
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