

Review 2015



BELVOIR CRICKET & COUNTRYSIDE TRUST

The Trust continues to go from strength to strength and I would like to congratulate Darren, Neil, Michael and all our volunteers on their hard work.



I am very proud to be involved as Patron and the Trust continues to deliver a vision of mine to help our local communities and to share the heritage of our beautiful grounds here at Belvoir Castle.

For those friends of ours that have been out to the Castle and the grounds at Knipton this summer, you will have noticed some wonderful changes to the countryside which has been recently highlighted on the 'Capability Brown' television series with Alan Titchmarsh.

We were also delighted to host our friends from the MCC again for our annual cricket match, although judging by the result I will need to have words with our captain!

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I was also pleased to attend the Trust's fundraising dinner in the Long Room at Lords. It is a superb venue and with the help of our guest, former England Captain Andrew Strauss and the amazing auctioneer Johnny Gould, we raised a considerable sum for the Trust which is vital to allow us to continue to deliver our vision.

I would also like to welcome John Chatfeild-Roberts as the new Chairman of our Trust and congratulate him on his drive to ensure the success of the Lords dinner.

I hope we can continue the good work in 2016 and also improve the cricket result Darren?

Best wishes,



Emma, Her Grace the Duchess of Rutland



It's been another fantastic year for the Trust with 2,581 children taking part in our activities which is a great testament to our staff, our Trustees and to our funders, supporters and friends.

We continue to strive to grow our numbers and also to improve the quality of our offer. We have had some amazing feedback from both the children and their teachers which is really heartening and gives us great belief in that what we are trying to do.

It is widely reported in the press that our children face increasing pressures on their young lives from issues such as illnesses including diabetes and obesity to a general lack of opportunities to be outside learning about the countryside, so it feels ever more important that we encourage our children to the right path and give them the opportunities they need.



Of course to do that it is vital that we have good people to deliver the projects and we are very lucky that in our volunteers and our staff we have the right blend.

I am constantly encouraged by comments from parents and children as to how much they enjoy their time with us and later in this review there are quotes relating to this.

On the subject of our staff, I would like to thank my assistant director Neil Atkins and our fundraiser Michael Cooke for their unstinting work. I know how hard they work to ensure that the quality of our delivery grows each year and that we are able to generate enough funds to make it happen.

It would also be very remiss of me not to thank Phil O'Brien who retired from being our Chairman in June this year. Phil's foresight, energy and enthusiasm are the reason we are here today. We are sad to lose Phil following his relocation to New York but gladly he remains a trustee and is always just an email away. I am sure I will continue to badger him with ideas and seek his advice and he can be very proud of what he has achieved.

Moving forward I would like to welcome John Chaffeild-Roberts as our new Chairman and I look forward to working with him.

2015 has been an incredibly rewarding year and it has been great to see so many smiling faces, we can't wait to get going for 2016.

A final word, I would like to congratulate Her Grace the Duchess of Rutland, for running the London Marathon on behalf of the Trust, which was an absolutely fantastic achievement.

Best wishes,



Darren Bicknell
Belvoir Cricket and Countryside Trust Director



299 children took part in 3,264 hours of coaching through 20 weeks of the summer

- 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

The Belvoir Bees coaching took place at seven rural/small town venues for 20 weeks through the summer. The project provides an opportunity for children to participate in regular sport and encourages participation at all levels of ability. Groups are split into age / ability groups so that all children can develop at their own pace, learning new skills and enabling the more talented to develop a little quicker.

This year, with the support of Huntingtower Academy in Grantham, we have had our first Bees session based at a primary school. The venue proved very popular getting 20 to 30 children each week during term time.

Two new coaches joined us this summer; Graeme Briggs and Suraj Kavadra, both from Notts Cricket, heading up two of our venues at Grantham and Great Dalby.



The Belvoir Bees continues to help and support the development of local community volunteers. Local club members and parents take part in training sessions to develop them as volunteers. This enables them to assist with the sessions, develop their own club's junior sections while contributing to their local community activities and provides the Trust with excellent exit routes for any children who want to move into hardball cricket.

During 2015 the Belvoir Bees had the support of 23 local volunteers helping with sports coaching & administration of the sessions.

The sessions also 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: Our 2015 venues:

Our 2015 Venues:

Harlaxton Cricket Club

- 61 children registered
- 4 regular volunteers

Great Dalby Cricket Club

- 32 children registered
- 5 regular volunteers

Huntingtower Academy, Grantham

- 36 children registered

Hose Village Hall

- 18 children registered
- 1 regular volunteer

Belvoir Cricket Club, Knipton

- 115 children registered
- Club ran one Kwik & hard ball U11's, 12's & 14's cricket teams
- 6 regular volunteers

Melton Mowbray Cricket Club

- 27 children registered
- 2 kwik and 3 junior teams entering Leicestershire leagues
- 7 regular volunteers

Whissendine Cricket Club

- 10 children registered / 2 volunteers

Here is some of the feedback received from children and parents attending the sessions:

"Both Leo and Seth really enjoyed their sessions each week. Neither of my boys had played cricket before and both developed their skills considerably by the end of the summer. Both are looking forward to next year already. All the children were treated equally regardless of ability."

- Dave Pearce, Bees Parent

"My son went to Knipton all summer. He thoroughly enjoyed and it was a lovely family thing to do. The instructors are excellent with a wide range of ages and my son's confidence really improved. Highly recommended. For me there are no negatives and I shall be encouraging both my boys to do it next year." - **Nicola Tansley, Bees Parent**

Bobby said:

"I really enjoyed it, I like the way the coaches helped and supported you when you needed help."

Rowan said:

"I really enjoyed it, it was good that at the end of the sessions they did a different game and it was good how they split the age groups up so you played against the same year group."

Tyler said:

"I enjoyed it, they did fun games and they taught different games and it was always fair groups."
Three who attended Grantham Bees

In 2016 the Trust aims to:

- Expand the number of venues to include an additional one in Grantham.
- Alter the length of the programme to best suit the needs of each venue.
- Run a summer tournament between venues.
- Encourage new volunteers to become involved and develop their own communities.
- Work closely with our local cricket clubs to continue the development of junior cricket for 11+, supporting them until they become self-sufficient in running their own junior cricket.
- Work with the local/regional English and Wales Cricket Boards, nurturing relationships to develop and grow our cricket clubs.



- Twenty six schools brought a total of 1,589 children.
- 19 days took place producing 3,178hrs of sports education and 3,973hrs of countryside education were 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.



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 enable schools to enhance the delivery of their curriculum and give children the opportunity to learn new skills in a different learning environment. The activities provided create opportunities for cross curricular links for PE, PSHE, Geography, Science, Maths, English and Art.

Children learnt from sports specialists, ECB Level 3 & 2 coaches, and countryside educationalists - local people such as the farmer, woodman, gamekeeper, huntsman, gun-dog handlers and the birds of prey keepers. A new activity - fishing - was added to the 2015 programme which was really well received by the children. The days typically included two hours sports education and two and a half hours of countryside education.

Teaching staff are given skills and knowledge to develop their own PE delivery, learning from highly qualified coaching professionals.

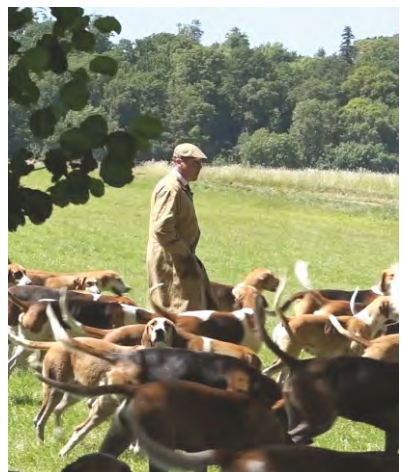
One hundred percent of schools that returned the Trust's evaluation form rated the day as 'excellent' and that they would return again. Here is some of the feedback from the schools:

'All of the cricket coaches were superb with the children and it was great to see children of all abilities getting stuck in and having fun. Each of the specialists who worked with the children during the afternoon were equally as supportive and captivating.'

Troy Jenkinson,
Headteacher at Stathern Primary School

'The cricket skills and games sessions enable all children to enhance both their personal skill levels and team work. The afternoon session, with a variety of activities about country estate matters, is both enlightening and an invaluable part of the children's education. It is the highlight of the summer term.'

Ian Cant,
Teacher at Swallowdale Primary School



'The days have shown the pupils a side to life in the country, from those that know. This has been a highly enlightening experience for them all and hugely beneficial in opening their minds to a different way of life.'

Toby Linnett,

Deputy head at St Mary's Primary School

'Best trip ever' from our Wolves class, Huntingtower Academy

'I can't believe how much the children learnt yesterday. They have been buzzing this morning and are in the process of producing posters about their day. The majority of our children hadn't experienced the countryside in the way they did yesterday. In my 10 years of teaching I don't think I have ever enjoyed a trip as much.'

Vikki Atter,

Teacher at Gonerby Hill Foot Primary School.

In 2016 the Trust aims to:

- Continue to extend the reach of the Trust to include new schools from the area and to increase participation from rural and inner city schools.
- Work closely with the schools to develop a resource for them to use before and following their visit, to utilise the day's activities across the curriculum.
- Use the school days to promote exit-routes for continued sports activity out of school hours promoting our Bees Junior coaching programme.
- 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).



- Delivered the programme in nine rural village and two small town schools.
- Provided 334 children with 1,032 hours of high quality sports coaching.
- Enhanced schools' sports curriculum delivery.
- Provided exit routes for children to continue with out of school sport.
- Provided CPD opportunities for school staff.

Our in-school programme works with rural and small town schools to enhance their PE curriculum. Qualified coaches deliver a programme to develop children's fundamental skills to enable teachers to use in other areas of their PE delivery and provide a range of cricket games to suit all age groups. Cross curricular activities are provided including:



- English (match reports, verbal communication)
- ICT (scoring, scorecards / books)
- Mathematics (scoring, run rates, strategy)
- PSHE (rules, responsibility, teamwork, relationships with teammates, opposition and coaches and etiquette).

During 2015 a three week programme was delivered in nine Vale of Belvoir, Rutland and Grantham primary schools and a six week programme was delivered in two of the schools. The project was supported by The Cricket Society Trust which, two years ago donated a trophy to give to the school each year that were most dedicated to the development of cricket and this year's award went to Huntingtower Academy (pictured below with Trust Assistant Director Neil Atkins).



In 2016 the Trust aims to:

- Expand this project further to reach 20 schools and include a tournament at the end of the programme.
- Provide more opportunities for exit routes for further participation out of school at the local Belvoir Bees' junior cricket sessions.

Special Needs Schools Programme

Kwik and Table Cricket Coaching and Cricket and Countryside School Days.

- Nine schools took part in the five week Kwik and Table Cricket coaching programme and six schools visited the Belvoir Estate on a Cricket and Countryside School Day.
- 359 children took part in 1,360hrs of active sport and 150hrs of countryside education.
- Nine schools and 89 children took part in the 2015 Table Cricket tournament run in conjunction with Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club.
- Supported special needs schools to facilitate and provide active sport for their young people.
- Introduced children to the games of Kwik and Table cricket, giving them the opportunity to learn new skills and play on a regular basis.
- Enhanced schools' sports curriculum delivery and provided an opportunity for competitive sport against other schools.
- Gave the opportunity for city primary school children to visit the countryside and experience new activities otherwise unavailable to them.
- Provided CPD opportunities for school staff to deliver PE.



In 2015 the programme enabled children with mental and physical disabilities to participate in Kwik and Table Cricket sessions delivered by the Trust Director Darren Bicknell. This culminated in a Table Cricket schools competition at Nottingham University supported by Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club.

Seventy five children attended the Cricket and Countryside School Days at the Belvoir Estate, learning from local people such as the huntsman and watching birds of prey, gundog and fishing demonstrations.

In 2016 the Trust aims to:

- Build partnerships with Lord's Taverners Nottinghamshire and Leicestershire County Cricket Clubs to increase our delivery of the programme into 20 special schools.
- Expand the number of schools participating in the Table Cricket tournament and attending the Trust's Cricket and Countryside days.



- 70 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's 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. Can you join the committee? will you ring around the parents? Can you organise the fixtures? Can you buy the cricket balls?



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 2015.

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 and 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 2016 the Trust aims to:

- Continue to increase our volunteer network through communication and actively engaging with the parents and local community, while 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 2015 Volunteers

Countryside

Amy Arms-Rawden
Peter Bates
Sam Bicknell
Richard Botterill
Rebecca Challis-Park
Rhi Clarke
Anne Campbell-Lamerton
David Crossland
Ben Emptage
George Grant

John Holliday
Peter Hood
Harry Horton
Martin James
Cindy Keeley
Tom Keely
Rory Kerr
Ken Kirk
John Mace
Glen Maine

Lady Sarah McCorquodale
George Pearce
Eddie Pearson
Dave Selby
John Shearon
Iwan Smith
Ron Wells

Belvoir Bees

Kate Bates
Jonny Bingham
Jocelyne Boles
Mandy Crawford
Steve Crawford
Jamie Culley
Nigel Dickinson
Chris Dickinson
Greg Dyer
Malcolm Edwards
Micheal Frew

Spencer Handley
Peter Hood
Ethan Hood
Robert Hendy
Martin James
Rory Kerr
Ken Kirk
Charlie Lyle
John Mace
Kelsey Mackie
Jemima Nambo

Rosie Penford
Rupert Smallshaw
Chloe Smith
Linda Stoakley
John Sunderland
Nathan Sunderland

Other

Vikki Atter
Claire Bicknell
Wendy Brown
Phil Burt
Kate Bygott

Vic Heppenstall
Julie James
Peter James
Andy Mitchell
Nick Morgan

Molly Power
Graeme Swann
Lynne Cooke
Owen Cooke

Duchess of Rutland XI vs. MCC – 5th August 2015 at the Kington Cricket Ground, Belvoir

The MCC continue to support the Trust in our efforts to involve more people in grassroots cricket and we would like to express our thanks to them.

The annual cricket match took place on a beautiful sunny day at the delightful



Kington Cricket Ground in the grounds of Belvoir Castle with victory going to the MCC by a margin of 3 wickets with just 4 balls to spare despite a superb century from Belvoir Cricket Club's overseas player Greg Oldfield. As always we were delighted to welcome a host of former cricketing greats and friends including such names as Graeme Swann, Jamie Dalrymple, Paul Hutchinson, Chris Peplow and, making his Duchess XI debut, England legend, Mathew Hoggard to name a few.

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 Test Match Special commentator Vic Marks. The dinner was attended by 96 MCC Committee, Officials, Members, Players and Guests and was hosted by Her Grace the Duchess of Rutland.

Golf Day – Thursday 10th September 2015, Radcliffe on Trent, Nottingham

Our successful annual Golf Day continued with our tournament at Radcliffe on Trent. Once again we were blessed with good weather and this year we raised £1,864 from the event.

We were delighted to have former Leicester and Scotland footballer Matty Elliott to entertain us with a lively Q&A with Trust Director Darren Bicknell.

This annual event, now in its sixth year, was won by Louisa Hays and her Champions PLC team.



Lords Long Room Dinner with Andrew Strauss O.B.E. - 22nd September 2015

This year saw the inaugural fundraising dinner in the famous Long Room at the Lords Cricket ground.

Two hundred guests enjoyed a Champagne drinks reception followed by a superb meal in the world famous Long Room at the Home of Cricket.

We were treated to the memories of our guest, former England Cricket Captain Andrew Strauss, O.B.E. who was highly entertaining and a display of great auctioneering from Johnny Gould who managed to raise significant funds for the Trust.

It was a truly special night and one we look forward to repeating.



BELVOIR CASTLE CRICKET TRUST LTD

Extracts from the accounts for the year ended 30 September 2015

	2015	2014
Our income came from;		
Charitable activities	£ 22,364	£ 30,212
Fundraising activities	£ 83,185	£ 38,133
Other grants and donations	£ 78,326	£ 37,791
Bank interest	<u>£ 72</u>	<u>£ 29</u>
	£183,947	£106,165
And our expenditure was;		
Charitable activities	£62,723	£56,255
Fundraising activities	£69,393	£14,381
Marketing, promotion & travel	£13,881	£13,295
Other expenses	<u>£ 6,747</u>	<u>£ 5,858</u>
	£152,744	£89,789
Leaving to be added to funds	£ 31,203	£16,376
Our funds brought forward were	<u>£ 40,119</u>	<u>£23,743</u>
Our funds at 30 September 2015 were	<u>£ 71,322</u>	<u>£40,119</u>
Which were represented by;		
Current assets	£ 78,192	£41,782
Less current liabilities	<u>(£ 6,870)</u>	<u>(£ 1,663)</u>
	<u>£ 71,322</u>	<u>£40,119</u>

Trustees' Statement

The above extracts have been agreed by our independent examiner as being consistent with the full accounts for the year ended 30 September 2015, copies of which can be obtained from the office or at www.charitycommission.org.uk or www.belvoircastlecrickettrust.co.uk

The full accounts were approved by the Board of Trustees on 17 November 2015 and have been submitted to the Charity Commission and Companies House.

'Friends of Belvoir Cricket and Countryside Trust'

The Trust relies heavily on the support of our Friends and we have attached to this Annual Review the opportunity for you to support us via donations. These can be a one off, monthly or an annual donation through our 'Friends of' project.

To donate please complete the tear off page and either hand it to one of our staff or send it back to:

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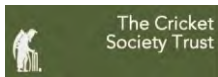
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