



BELVOIR CRICKET & COUNTRYSIDE TRUST



annual review



2017



We all see the reports in the media of children being obese and costing the NHS millions of pounds a year and the fact that our children don't play enough sport or aren't active enough.

Well I am incredibly proud that here at Belvoir our charity, the Belvoir Cricket & Countryside Trust, is really doing something to encourage our young people to get active and get involved in our wonderful countryside.

As Patron of this wonderful charity I am privileged to be a part of their future and delighted that Darren and his team continue to work hard and deliver as much as they do.

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I have enjoyed seeing their work this year and have enjoyed hearing the stories of The Beech Academy going to Lord's, which I know Darren talks more about in his report, seeing the Facebook video of our hounds visiting on a cricket and countryside day going viral and seeing hundreds and hundreds of children from the East Midlands come here to Belvoir Castle to meet our staff and to see the wonderful estate at Belvoir. It is a pleasure to share it with them.

I know the team are striving to keep improving their projects and to increase their numbers and it is the support of our Trustees and generous volunteers that helps make it happen. But most of all we have some incredibly generous supporters who help fund the charity and I hope you enjoy seeing the incredible results.

Darren and his team are working hard to try to re-develop the pavilion at the Knipton cricket ground and I am delighted to help them with this. To have a new facility in Knipton will be a tremendous boost to the area and to all our local villages and I wish them well with their plans.

Finally, I would like to thank Colin Maynard from the MCC who retires this year. Colin has been instrumental in helping build the relationship with the Trust which is very valuable to us. I just hope that my Duchess of Rutland XI beating your MCC team this year does not threaten the relationship?

Well done to everyone and good luck for 2018.

Emma Rutland  
Her Grace the Duchess of Rutland



## Records, Lord's and Ambition

I don't think I will ever get tired of writing 'well that was another great year for the Belvoir Cricket & Countryside Trust'.

It's been a year of record numbers of children coming through our various programmes and this is great testimony to our staff, our coaches, our volunteers and our supporters. An incredible 2,824 children have benefitted from quality coaching and wonderful countryside learning experiences which can only be good in helping them to prepare for their future.

There have been many highlights for me this year, notably our Assistant Director Neil Atkins' filming the arrival of the Belvoir Hunt Hounds on a visit to one of our Cricket and Countryside days. On Facebook it has reached 98,973 people with 46,000 views, which just goes to show the power of social media – Hollywood is his next stop no doubt?

But the real highlight was one of our Special Needs schools, The Beech Academy in Mansfield, taking part in our schools Table Cricket Tournament, making it all the way to the Lord's finals and having the magical opportunity of treading the turf at the Home of Cricket. After winning our regional tournament they progressed to winning the Midlands finals thereby earning their invitation to Lord's.

An overnight stay, new sponsored kit and they were off, performing brilliantly against the cream of national table cricketers. I am sure this is something that these children with Special Needs will remember for the rest of their lives. We are very proud as a Trust to be able to provide this incredible opportunity, but it was the teachers and children who grabbed the chance with both hands.





As for ambition, here at the Trust we strive each year to improve the quality of our programmes and increase our numbers. However, we are slightly restricted by our facilities at Knipton, our base.

It is our aspiration to raise £1.5 million to redevelop these facilities and build a new pavilion and indoor centre which will become our home, a new home for Belvoir Cricket Club and a hub for our local community. We have a long way to go in this process but we are giving it a good go.

Finally, it would be remiss of me not to mention our staff. Neil Atkins, our Assistant Director, works tirelessly to deliver our work and to Michael Cooke our Fundraising Manager who provides huge support to help generate the funding we need to allow us to get through the year. Our Chairman and Trustees are hugely supportive and we are blessed to have many volunteers, and without these we would not be where we are.

Let's get ready for 2018.

Darren Bicknell, Chief Executive.



- 5 week kwik cricket and table cricket coaching programme delivered in schools.
- Delivering continued professional development to enable teachers to use in their PE delivery.
- Introduced children to the games of kwik and table cricket, giving them the opportunity to learn new skills and play on a regular basis.
- Provide an opportunity for competitive sport against other schools through a table cricket tournament held at the Lee Westwood Sports Centre, Clifton Campus, Nottingham Trent University.
- 7 days at the Belvoir Estate to give schools the opportunity to bring their students to visit the countryside and experience new activities otherwise unavailable to them.
- Children learn from sports specialists; ECB Level 2 and 3 coaches and countryside educationalists from local people such as the huntsman, fishing enthusiasts and the birds of prey keepers.

## 2017 Outcomes

- Reached a total of 424 children from 16 schools.
- Delivered the kwik cricket programme to 90 children in 5 schools.
- Delivered the table cricket programme to 195 children in 16 schools.
- 8 schools and 75 children took part in the 2017 table cricket tournament run in conjunction with Nottinghamshire County Cricket Board.
- Enhanced schools' sports curriculum delivery and provided CPD opportunities for school staff.
- Supported by the Lord's Taverners to deliver the table cricket sessions.
- 5 schools brought 64 children to the Belvoir Estate on a Cricket and Countryside School Day.



### Quotes from the schools:

*'The children have loved their sessions of cricket and table cricket and for some it has been the highlight of not only their week but their school year!'*

*'The children we support and educate have many different needs from profound multiple disabilities up to high functioning ASD and emotional behaviour difficulties. The sessions have been catered to the needs of the children and all are able to participate in some way. For some children learning is a big barrier to life but during cricket sessions there were no barriers.'*

*'The children built up good relationships with Tom the coach because he valued them, adapted the sessions for their needs so they were able to succeed.'*

*'These sessions have been enjoyed by all our children and staff and developed the skills of all who participated.'*

**Charlie Smith - Assistant Principal and Unit Provision Lead  
Beanfield Primary School**

### 2018 Aims

- Build upon the links with the Lord's Taverners, Nottinghamshire County Cricket Board and Leicestershire County Cricket Board to increase the delivery of our table cricket sessions.
- Increase our numbers to over 500 children taking part in the sessions.
- Increase the number of schools participating in the table cricket competition to 10 schools.
- Increase the number of schools visiting the Belvoir Estate to take part in a Cricket and Countryside Day to 8 schools.



- 20 days on the Belvoir Estate giving schools the opportunity to bring their students to take part in outdoor learning away from their own environment.
- Children learn from sports specialists; ECB Level 2 and 3 coaches and countryside educationalists from local people such as the farmer, woodman, gamekeeper, huntsman, gun-dog handlers, fishing enthusiasts and the birds of prey keepers.
- Giving the opportunity for rural and inner city school children to visit the countryside.
- The days included 2 hours' sports education and 2½ hours of countryside education.
- Teaching staff are given skills and knowledge to develop their own PE delivery, learning from highly qualified coaching professionals.



## 2017 Outcomes

- 24 primary schools from Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire visited the Estate.
- 1,585 children and over 100 school staff attended.
- 20 days took place, 2 were cancelled due to the rain but 1 was re-scheduled in September.
- Introduced a Countryside Learning Resource into the schools that visited, enabling them to further develop their own use of the day to enhance their delivery of the National Curriculum.



### Quotes from the schools

*'The Cricket and Countryside day was a great opportunity for our children to see what English farms produce and a fantastic, educational day for all. The children particularly enjoyed the cricket activities and were amazed by the bird of prey show!'*

**Billy Wakefield**  
**St Nicholas Primary School**

*'Never had so much fresh air, it smells nice.'*  
*'The countryside is so big.'*  
*'I have never seen a baby turkey before only seen one at Christmas on my plate.'*

**Pupils from Issac Newton School,**  
**Grantham**



### 2018 Aims

- 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 our learning resources further for them to use following their visit, and to utilise the day's activities across their own school's curriculum.
- Use the school days to promote exit routes for continued sports activity out of school hours promoting our Belvoir Bees junior cricket coaching programme.
- Work closely with the schools to enhance the educational and lifestyle messages that are delivered.
- Where possible look to twin schools from different backgrounds and build new relationships (i.e. small rural schools with larger, multi-cultural inner city schools).



- 12 and 20 week junior kwik cricket coaching programmes ran through the summer led by Level 2 and 3 ECB coaches.
- Seven rural venues across Leicestershire and Lincolnshire.
- Providing an opportunity for children to participate in regular after-school sport, developing participation at all levels of ability.
- Encouraging involvement of adult volunteers.



## 2017 Outcomes

- 265 children took part.
- 1,791 total attendance at the sessions.
- 130 hours of community coaching was provided.
- One new venue at Barrowby Cricket Club alongside Asfordby, Huntingtower in Grantham, Hose, Great Dalby, Harlaxton and Knipton.
- The sessions were supported by 21 local volunteers.

### Quotes from the parents

*'It's helping to develop my son's physical ability as well as his understanding of team sports. Neil and the team show incredible patience with the children and the huge turnout and enthusiasm from parents and children is testament to how good Belvoir Bees is.'* **Richard Davies**

*'Belvoir Bees has totally exceeded our expectations. The children are totally engaged and eager to take part which is testament to the coaches and programme as a whole.'* **Andy and Zoe**

## 2018 Aims

- To get more children participating in regular sport out of school.
- To introduce a new venue for 2018.
- To run a Belvoir Bees summer tournament.
- To encourage new volunteers to engage and get involved with the project and develop their own communities.

- 3 week cricket coaching programme in rural and small town primary schools to enhance their PE curriculum.
- Delivering a programme to develop children's fundamental skills and cricket skills.
- Delivering CPD to enable primary teachers to coach cricket in schools.
- Cross curricular activities are provided including:
  - Mathematics (scoring, run rates, strategy)
  - PSHE (rules, responsibility, teamwork, relationships with opposition, coaches and etiquette).



## 2017 Outcomes

- 550 children took part in the programme.
- Delivered the programme in 14 primary schools; 12 village and 2 small town schools.
- 57 hours of coaching was delivered to 19 classes.
- Enhanced schools' sports curriculum delivery and provided CPD opportunities for school staff.
- Provided exit routes for children to continue with sport out of school through the Belvoir Bees junior coaching programme.
- Introduced the first Teach Cricket Tournament for school years 3 and 4. Four schools brought 58 children.

## 2018 Aims

- Expand this project further to reach 20 schools.
- Increase the number of schools and children taking part in the tournament.
- Provide more opportunities for exit routes for further participation out of school at the local Belvoir Bees junior cricket sessions.

- Providing the opportunity for adults and young people to volunteer to enable them to actively contribute to their local community.
- Giving them focused skills training to meet the specific needs of the Trust's projects.
- Giving volunteers clear responsibility to help coach and be actively involved with the development of children's skills and enjoyment.



## 2017 Outcomes

- 61 volunteers delivered 825 volunteer hours.
- 23 volunteers helped on the Belvoir Bees cricket project.
- 22 volunteers helped out on our Cricket and Countryside Days.
- 15 additional volunteers help with fundraising, special events and administration.

## 2018 Aims

- The Trust will continue to increase our volunteer network through communication and actively engaging with the parents and local community.
- We will assist in developing and nurturing members of local cricket clubs to enable those clubs to continue in the development of junior cricket.
- Expand our work with developing young people in taking their first steps in the coaching ladder.





## Our 2017 Volunteers

### Cricket and Countryside

Amy Arms-Rawden  
Richard Botterill  
Josh Burton  
Rebecca Chantry-Park  
Kevin Chantry-Park  
Rhi Clark  
Susan Douglas

Oliver Foulds  
John Holliday  
Peter Hood  
Harry Horton  
Martin James  
Rory Kerr  
Robert Kidd

Glen Maine  
Lady Sarah McCorquodale  
Ken Kirk  
John Mace  
Eddie Pearson  
John Shearon  
Sam Gilbert

### Belvoir Bees

Zac Atkins  
Jocelyne Boles  
Nigel Dickenson  
Chris Dickinson  
Malcolm Edwards  
Oliver Foulds  
Conrad Gray  
Ceyan Harper

Steve Harper  
Amy Helstrip  
Martin James  
Rory Kerr  
Ken Kirk  
John Mace  
Claire Marris  
Molly Marris

Paul Martin  
Jemima Nambo  
Dave Pearce  
Libby Perkins  
John Sunderland  
Nathern Sunderland  
Beth Wilson

### Other

Vikki Atter  
Claire Bicknell  
Wendy Brown  
Phil Burt  
Kate Bygott

Michael Cooke  
Lynne Cooke  
Owen Cooke  
Andy Dann  
Debbie Griffiths  
Vic Heppenstall

Jane Jones  
Andy Mitchell  
Nick Morgan  
Graeme Swann

### **Duchess of Rutland XI v MCC Cricket Match and Dinner at Belvoir Castle Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July**

The MCC continue to support the Trust on and off the field and we would like to offer our enormous thanks. Their support is incredibly valuable to the Belvoir Cricket and Countryside Trust.

The annual Duchess XI v MCC cricket match was again held at the Knipton Cricket Ground on a fabulous sunny July afternoon. The ground looked a picture and a big thank you should go to Andy Dann the Belvoir Cricket Club chairman and his team for supporting this event.

I would also like to thank our umpires, former Test Umpire George Sharp and Belvoir stalwart Vic Heppenstall and our scorer Rory Kerr.

On the field the game was won by the Duchess XI to bring the series to 4-4 and keep the Imogen Skirving Memorial Trophy here at Belvoir Castle.

The MCC won the toss and elected to bat and solid performances throughout the order enabled the strong MCC team to close their innings on 194-6 from 35 overs.

The Duchess XI got off to a fantastic start and were grateful for a match winning partnership between BCCT Trustee Jamie Dalrymple and Chief Executive Darren Bicknell seeing them home to a seven wicket victory.



Following the game we were hosted by Her Grace the Duchess of Rutland to a superb dinner in the State Dining Room at Belvoir Castle where 95 guests, including members of the MCC, enjoyed a fine evening.

Retiring MCC Deputy Secretary Colin Maynard spoke of the MCC and the relationship with the Trust and Her Grace the Duchess of Rutland replied on behalf of the Trust.

We were also royally entertained by some stories from former England cricketer Graeme Swann.

We look forward to welcoming back the MCC on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2018 to see who can edge ahead in the series.

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### **BCCT Charity Golf Day held at Radcliffe on Trent Golf Club on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September**



A record field of 17 teams competed for the prizes at our annual golf day.

Following the golf our guests were entertained to a Q&A with former Nottingham Forest footballer Nigel Jemson and our thanks go to Nigel for his great stories, notably about the late great Brian Clough.

We look forward to returning to Radcliffe next year on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

We raised just over £3,000 for the charity so would like to thank all who supported us and we hope to see you all again next year.

**BELVOIR CRICKET & COUNTRYSIDE TRUST LTD****Extracts from the Accounts for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Our Income came from:		
Unrestricted donations and grants	68,486	37,408
Charitable activities (including restricted grants)	38,777	53,925
Fundraising events	13,524	28,290
Bank interest	-	103
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Total income	120,787	119,726
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And was spent on:		
Raising funds:	38,034	45,947
Charitable activities	76,511	74,226
Professional fees re new development	-	17,820
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Total expenditure	114,545	137,993
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Net movement in funds	6,242	(18,267)
Total funds brought forward	53,055	71,322
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Total funds carried forward	59,297	53,055
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These funds were represented by:		
Current assets	73,641	54,305
Less: Current liabilities	(14,344)	(1,250)
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Total funds (as above)	59,297	53,055
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**Trustees' Statement**

The above extracts have been agreed by our independent examiner as being consistent with the full accounts for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017, copies of which can be obtained from the office or at [www.charitycommission.org.uk](http://www.charitycommission.org.uk) or [www.bccrtrust.org.uk](http://www.bccrtrust.org.uk)

The full accounts were approved by the Board of Trustees on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017 and have been submitted to the Charity Commission and Companies House.

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;

Belvoir Cricket & Countryside Trust  
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