



**HORSHAM CRICKET CLUB**  
**TREASURER'S REPORT & EXPLANATORY NOTES TO ACCOUNTS**  
**Year Ending 30 September 2021**

**SUMMARY**

Whilst Covid19 continued to impact on our season, with the Club not being able to organise as many meaningful fund raisers as we'd have liked, we were able to make a significant net contribution to the Sports Club coffers of £18,545. This brings us back to the levels that we were achieving in the pre-Covid days.

Thanks to the efforts of those involved in the management of the Junior section, their membership numbers improved significantly on recent seasons which in turn led to an overall increase in subs and match fee income. Overall, subs and match fees made up 68% of our income and, coupled with some tighter controls on spending, this was one of the main reasons why the Club was able to make the contribution to the Sports Club that it did.

**MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS**

Membership of the Club in 2021 showed a healthy increase over recent years, especially in the Junior section, and our performances on the field played a part in this. The breakdown of numbers between 2019, the last full season, and 2021 were;

	Paid Members 2019	Paid Members 2021
Men	37	36
Women	11	12
Juniors	128	170
<b>Total Paid-Up Playing Members</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>218</b>
Players (Complimentary Membership)	5	6
Non Playing Members	13	17
Non Playing Members (Complimentary)	11	24
President	1	1
Life Members	5	5
Vice Presidents	56	51
<b>Total Membership</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>322</b>

## INCOME

Being able to play a full season, with over 160 games scheduled, the Club's income from **Annual Subs and Match Fees** was £20,297 which represented 68% of our total income for the year. We benefited from a much lower number of fixtures cancelled for one reason or another, around 10%, than had been experienced in previous years. It should also be noted that senior match fees in 2021 were lower than they might have been as a result of there being no income from teas as none were provided. This also meant a corresponding saving in expenditure as there were no charges for teas from the Sports Club.

**Other Income** from senior cricket was limited this year as we were unable to organise many fund raisers. What funds we did get, amounting to £507, came from members donations and a raffle which helped cover the costs of the MCC day.

**Junior Income** included fees from indoor winter nets of £516 and £2,700 from the fees charged for the Easter and Summer Camps. In addition, a **Grant** of £1,250 was received from the Cricket Trust to cover boys and girls coaching. The total income more than covered the cost of hiring the nets of £321 and the fees paid to coaching staff at the Camps of £2,530.

**Cricket Sponsorship** income this year of £1,250 was part of the donation from our main sponsor Gardner & Scardifield. The balance has been placed in the Development Fund to help with subsidizing the cost of new kit next season.

The **Outdoor Nets** have been in use for some years and the netting urgently needed replacing, the cost of which was £3,254. Members were asked if they would be prepared to make a donation towards those costs and the appeal raised a fantastic sum of £1,903 including Gift Aid. A further donation of £1,300 from the 49ers Fund more or less covered the full cost of the refurbishment which has been completed to a very high standard and which should last for many years to come.

**The total income received this year was £29,921.**

## EXPENDITURE

**Overall expenditure in 2021 was £11,376** and the details of those major items of cost which have not been previously mentioned above include **Function Costs** of £805 which included the cost of the MCC day and the end of season evening.

Expenditure on **Senior Expenses & Cricket Equipment** was £1,740. New match balls accounted for £619 which was less than we would normally spend as we had a reasonable stock left over from 2020. £471 was spent on replacement mobile cage netting and £650 on a second-hand sight screen for JDG.

The expenditure on **Junior Expenses & Equipment** covered £278 on new balls, £117 on cricket equipment and £109 on new First Aid kits for each age group. Very little was spent on **Women's Expenses and Equipment**, £338 for summer coaching which was more or less covered by some of the Cricket Trust grant and a donation from a supplier.

**Officials' Expenses** covered the cost of umpires for some Sussex League games, which was £770, and scorers' fees of £395.

**Affiliation Fees** this year covered;

Sussex Cricket Federation	£150
Club Cricket Conference	£55
Junior Competitions	£184
Womens Competition	£20
<b>Total</b>	<b>£409</b>

**Miscellaneous Expenditure** of £238 was for the end of season trophies.

## **DEBTORS**

Payment of subs and match fees has been very good this year and, following a little prodding and poking, outstanding fees amount to the relatively small amount of £180.

## **FUND RAISING 2021**

Fund Raising was again seriously hampered by Covid19 restrictions but things do look brighter for next year. We will be looking to organise a number of functions in celebration of our 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, albeit a year late, and I strongly urge all members to fully support those events. We need to use proceeds from these events to top up the coffers as some hefty items of expenditure such as new covers and ground maintenance equipment are just over the horizon.

## **TREASURER'S COMMENTS**

2021 was a strange year, not as bad as 2020 but it still didn't feel like a normal season. The 1<sup>st</sup> XI getting back into the Premier League was a great boost for the Club but this was over shadowed by the sad passing of our President, Barry Peay. There can't be many individuals who have given so much to a club over so many years and he will be much missed. Richard Marshall, our Chairman, has announced that he will be standing down this year and we have the difficult task of finding two individuals to fill some pretty big boots. Add three new captains to that list and there will be a lot of new faces around on the Committee next year.

As I say every year, it would be difficult to complete this Report without giving my thanks to all those in the Club who support cricket and help raise much needed revenues. There is not the space to name you all but you know who you are and you have my sincere thanks for all your support.

Our main Sponsor, Gardner & Scardifield, has supported us for a number years and it is great that they have agreed to continue for another three years. As Treasurer I am very grateful for their financial support but it would be great if we could find a few other sponsors. It would be good if every member could make an effort to chat to a local business they know to see if they would like to sponsor us. It doesn't need to be large sums but every penny would be gratefully received.

Senior members of the Club, many of whom are no longer playing, freely give of their time in volunteering at events, covering a wide range of tasks including umpiring and scoring, and do so willingly. A number also make significant donations or belong to the 49ers Fund which does make a major difference to whether or not the Club meets its financial commitments. For example, we could not have refurbished the outdoor nets without their support. The Club would not survive financially without them, so thank you all for what you give.

The Club continues to have problems finding a suitable groundsman although there is hope that an appointment might be on the horizon for 2022. Without a fulltime groundsman, Marsh and Lol, ably supported by John Attfield and others like Paul Hoskins, have done another great job during the year and they should receive all the thanks going.

Those in the Club Office work tirelessly behind the scenes on behalf of cricketers, both seniors and juniors, and often get very little recognition for what they do. I am aware of the efforts they put in and it is much appreciated, especially by the Treasurer. I would also like to thank the Cricket Committee for their efforts and their support during the year.

## **CRICKET AGM 2021**

Hopefully by issuing the Accounts and this report prior to the Cricket AGM it will reduce the time spent going through the figures on the night. If you do have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me on [colin.mitcham@btinternet.com](mailto:colin.mitcham@btinternet.com) and I will try to answer your questions.

Colin Mitcham / Treasurer / November 2021

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