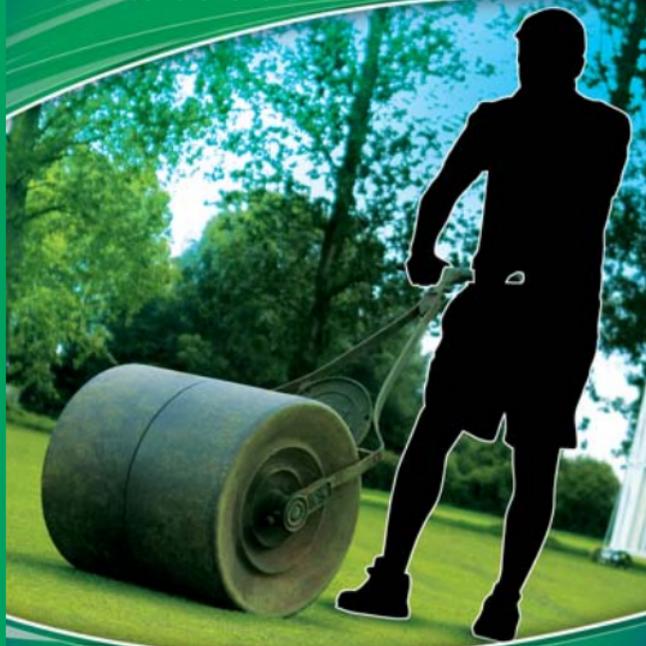


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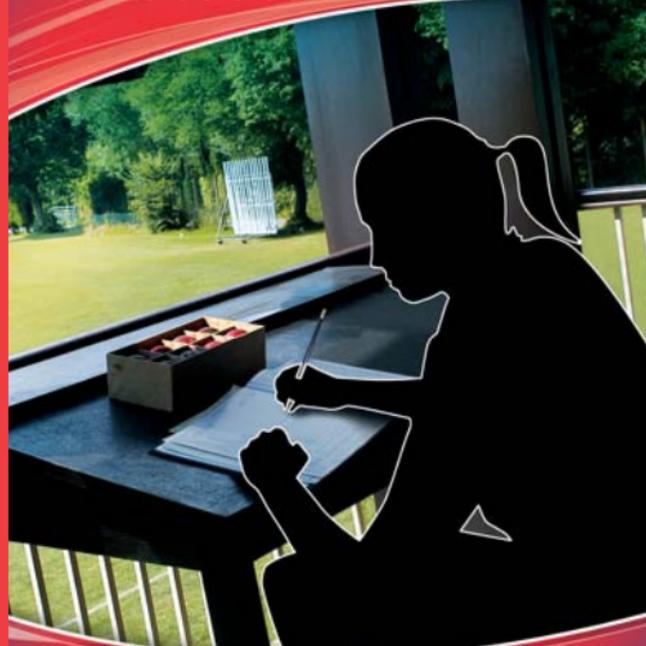
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Coaching children or adults or assisting coaches is a great way of improving players' skills and motivating them to help them be the best they can be. It is also very rewarding for those involved, as they know they have played a part in each player's development. It helps volunteers become an integral part of their cricket club and they feel valued. Adults who have a desire to assist their club in this area are always welcome.

You can:

- Learn by assisting existing coaches at practice sessions for juniors or adults
- Enrol on a coaches' course or a coaching assistant course
- Help the coach or team manager on match days
- Help improve your own child and other children by having a greater understanding of 'how' to coach and 'what' to coach
- Be a role model for young cricketers



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Helping out at a cricket club isn't just about coaching or groundsmanship, there are many off-the-field duties to be taken care of too.

Every club has a committee that helps to run it. Do you see yourself as a Club Secretary, Fixtures Secretary, Treasurer, or Volunteer Co-ordinator? On match days, you could be a scorer or help with teas, refreshments or behind the bar. Do you see yourself as a budding journalist? Why not have a go as a Press Officer and try to get your local club on the map? All of these roles and many more are vital to the successful running of a cricket club.

A great way of initially getting involved with your club is to see if they are involved in NatWest CricketForce. NatWest CricketForce is a Ground Force meets Changing Rooms self-help cricket club event which provides opportunities for cricket supporters, their friends, families, and young people to get involved in their local community cricket club by volunteering to undertake major renovations to clubhouses and grounds. Visit www.ecb.co.uk/natwestcricketforce for more details.



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What does the future look like at your cricket club? This is the 'million dollar question' - but one of the most important aspects of your club's future will be young people. Cricket clubs provide an excellent environment for young people to play cricket, get fit and healthy and have fun and you can 'be involved'. How? Finding out the answers to some of these questions is a good start:

- How many local schools are within a five-mile radius of your cricket club?
- Who is responsible for communicating and leading the work your cricket club does with these local schools?
- When do junior training sessions take place at your club?
- What age groups does your club accommodate?
- What help does my cricket club need?

The volunteers in your cricket club will almost certainly have too many jobs to do and not enough time. An extra pair of hands to design a poster, send an email or supervise at junior training sessions will always be welcome. So what skills have you got? How can you put something back into your cricket club and contribute to its future?



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There are a number of ways you can help improve your facilities and put something back into your club. These can range from helping to mow the square to planning a future project such as building new changing rooms.

Your Groundsman will almost certainly always have more tasks than time and will undoubtedly appreciate any help that is offered. If you wish to learn more about Groundsmanship, then visit www.iog.org for information and courses.

Another way to be involved is by using your experience and enthusiasm to help with individual projects for facility improvements. A projects sub-committee can help to identify your own strategy for improving facilities and work on discrete projects. You could help with the planning stage, fundraising, grant applications or dealing with contractors when the project gets underway. Your skills and experience can make a difference.

Further advice and downloadable guides can be found at www.ecb.co.uk/facilities

