



We have had a number of questions raised in this time, the answers to which may be useful to share with everybody. There is also a display within the clubhouse which also provides further information.

#### **Will the new net facility benefit the juniors ?**

Yes most definitely – the juniors should be main beneficiaries. The facility will be a secured facility to be used under the supervision of coaches. It will allow 1:1 coaching, group coaching, coaching with the use of a bowling machine etc etc and will relieve pressure on the main ground. This will immediately provide more flexibility in easing the current strain between being able to balance matches with quality practice. It will allow practice sessions to take place at times of the week, times of the year when currently this would not be possible. With less strain on the square, this should also ultimately result in better quality match wickets.

It is perhaps worth noting that in 2015 we 'lost' over 40% of practice sessions at HCC due to the grass pitch not being 'fit'. In over 75% of these cases, the evening weather was dry, and quality practice could have taken place had a 'non turf' facility been available. We also estimated that of the practice sessions that did take place, the practice was not of the appropriate quality due to ground conditions.

#### **Level of donations - I cannot currently afford to pay £125, but I would like to help ?**

We will gladly accept donations of any amount to help with this project and we would welcome all contributions. We have already received a wide variety of donations and we really do appreciate them all. As with any donation type scheme, we are reliant on individuals supporting the cause and giving what they can. We appreciate that our membership have widely different financial situations and priorities and we need people to be as generous as they can be within their own limits. Through the use of the standard donation form, all donations are being recorded by Graeme Adlum our Club Treasurer. If you prefer, donations can be made anonymously. All monies paid through the donation scheme, life membership scheme or special sponsorships are being held by Graeme for this cricketing project.

#### **How can I tell how we are doing ?**

We have posted a small article and a speedometer chart on the front page of our website which is updated on a regular basis to show how we are doing. The speedometer has a simple red, amber, green status. Once we move comfortably into the green territory, this then allows us to start detailed negotiations with the suppliers.

<http://www.haslingdenccricketclub.co.uk/>

#### **When will the facility be ready ?**

This will depend on how quickly we can get to a minimum target of funding in order to be able to commit to a supplier – if we have a fantastic response to the funding campaign, then we would love to target mid season 2016 in order to gain the benefit of being able to use the facility to our advantage this summer. If the funding is slower, then we would target the facility to be available for pre season use in 2017 and onwards. We have not made an appeal like this before so it is a new experience for us all.

#### **What happens if you do not secure enough funds ?**

We would then have to look at contingency plans which could include – reduction in the number of lanes from the current optimum number of 4 in order to reduce the cost. A three lane facility could be considered and a base case of a two lane facility. We also potentially have access to some loan funding from individuals and from the ECB, however this would need very careful consideration in order to preserve the long term future of HCC.