SISSINGHURST CRICKET CLUB AGM

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

DECEMBER 2021

Congratulations to the club on navigating its way through another Covid affected season ! With the help of everybody at the club, we managed to get the game on for our adult teams and all of the junior age groups.

- Well done to Graham and his helpers for once again preparing and maintaining

our excellent facilities. All teams continue to play their cricket on one of the best tracks in the league. We managed to repair/replace the old pavilion roof as

well as completing our kitchen refurbishment project with the help of an ECB

grant. Thanks go to Steve Deakin and Jon Gurr for securing the grant and

Graham, Mick Browning and Richard Burgess for their help with the works.

- I would like to thank the captains for organising, selecting and managing all the

adult games . Both first and second teams narrowly avoided relegation with some great performances in the run in to the end of the season. Our junior cricketers made a significant contribution to both teams and demonstrated the clubs commitment to selecting our youngsters as and when they are available. Thanks also go to all those who made Sunday friendly cricket a success with a mix of youth and experience – well done everyone !

- 2021 was another great success for our Junior Cricket. Excellently managed by Simon and his team, all age groups including the girls section performed at the highest level. The girls team played their first competitive all girls matches. The under 9’s made it to Beckenham for Kent finals day. The under 11’s made it to finals day at Sutton Valence and the under 13’s ran out league winners for the fourth year running. With increased numbers and a waiting list to join, the club is currently training new coaches so we can hopefully continue our successes into the 2022 season. Special thanks go to Christina Dyas for handling the administration of the Junior Section, providing essential back up for the coaches and Team managers

- Graham White stood down as the Club Welfare Officer this year and the club are delighted that Amanda Agar has taken on this role. Clubmark and Safe Hands remain an integral part our club and we have recently received our Clubmark Accreditation for 2022.

- Sponsorship and Fundraising continue to be a key ambition of the Club. We are delighted that Antonia Wood with the help of others is driving our Marketing Initiative forward. We now have a comprehensive sponsorship proposal and several other fund raising ideas on the table. The Grants sub committee continue to eke out grant monies as and when they become available. With all this in place we have been able to launch Project Nets – a brand new facility for our club to help us move forward on all fronts.

- Despite Covid, the club managed to hold two Boot Fairs in 2021. These provide valuable funds for the club and we hope to return to full capacity next season. The club will be reaching out for help as usual given the increased logistical demands of running them.

Pete Smith

Chairman