

NHB Community Grants Scheme 2016/17**APPLICATION SUMMARY – Grant £3,500 to £28,000**

PROJECT NAME:	Practice Net Area Refurbishment
Organisation:	Barnt Green Cricket Club
Amount of Funding Requested: Total Cost of Project:	£5,100 - £7,100 £9,720 The funds are requested from the monies carried over from 2015/16.
Location of Project:	Cherry Hill Road, Barnt Green
Aim of Project:	Refurbishment of the 4 lane practice net area including resurfacing and re-netting.

Category	Comments
1. Which Council Strategic Purpose does it meet?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide good things for me to see, do and visit • Keep my place safe and looking good.
2. Aims and objectives of the project?	Barnt Green CC's objective is to provide facilities for, and promote participation of the whole community in, the sports of cricket.
3. Evidence Project meets local need and has local support?	<p>Junior membership has increased from 70 to 160 over the last four years. Coaching is provided for u6s through to u17s. Building on a long established provision of junior cricket, the club feels it has significantly improve the structure of the junior section in recent years, with the introduction of external professional cricket coaches and the purchase of a bowling machine. The junior membership now includes enough girls to field an u15s team and the club has also provided a dedicated girls' coach and hosted a number of county fixtures.</p> <p>The club has a very important role in the Barnt Green area and wider community and the growth of the junior section reflects the importance that the club is placing on planning for a healthy future to building on a past dating back to 1888.</p>

<p>4. Evidence that the Project is sustainable and has other funding streams?</p>	<p>If the full grant was not available, the Club are able to contribute between £1,000 and £3,000 towards the costs.</p> <p>It would be unlikely and impractical for the project to be partially completed. However, consideration would be given to half the area being refurbished if necessary.</p>
<p>5. Signed by Ward Councillor and supporting comments.</p>	<p>A letter of support was provided from Cllr Charlie Hotham. He highlighted that the project would benefit the wider community and that the Club spans two wards</p>
<p>6. Details of any Additional Information Provided</p>	<p>Photographic evidence was provided together with a detailed estimate of the costs.</p> <p>The Club's accounts for 20154/16 were also provided. Whilst there was funds avialble in balances it was highlighted that these had since been used for urgent repairs and replacement of the main mower, tree surgery work and exterior security.</p> <p>The Club also operates a hardship fund that currently supports 8 junior players.</p> <p>Funding is through membership subscriptions and normal fund raising activities including bar takings and the annual club ball.</p>