

FINCHINGFIELD CRICKET CLUB

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Finchingfield and Saffron Walden Cricket Clubs announce partnership agreement.

Finchingfield and Saffron Walden Cricket Clubs are pleased to announce that they have signed a partnership agreement. The agreement strengthens the on-going support that Saffron Walden Cricket Club has provided to help re-establish the cricket club at Finchingfield.

Saffron Walden Cricket Club is an ECB 'Focus Club' and as such is encouraged to develop youth cricket and links with the local community. Graham Pryke, Cricket Development Manager at the Essex County Board, confirms: "The Essex County Cricket Board is delighted to hear that 'Focus Club' Saffron Walden CC is offering to work with relatively new club Finchingfield CC. This is exactly the concept that the ECB were looking for when they launched 'Focus Clubs' which should not only help Finchingfield to guarantee their future but also see them develop hopefully into a large club themselves one day."

David Barrs, Academy Director at Saffron Walden Cricket Club, adds: "As an Essex Focus Club we are really pleased to reach this agreement with Finchingfield. It is an example of how we are trying to support local cricket. Through the agreement, we are trying to ensure the improved viability of village cricket and secure the development of young players."

The help offered so far has included administration, coaching for juniors over the winter period, and assistance to develop the coaching staff at Finchingfield but this not just a one way agreement. Finchingfield Cricket Club Chairman, Damon Knight says: "We are extremely pleased to have signed this agreement as it is yet another step towards developing a well established club in Finchingfield. I would like to thank David Barrs, in particular, for his help so far. Over the coming months and years, we will continue to strengthen our links to Saffron Walden by providing some support to the very successful coaching program that they run. We also intend to help develop the junior players at both clubs by allowing them to play 'friendly' senior cricket at Finchingfield."

Other plans for the future include coaching in schools, junior cricket festivals which will involve other local clubs and improving the coaching and facilities on offer to juniors at Finchingfield.

The clubs are now looking forward to a very busy summer of cricket. To get involved in either club please visit their respective websites at www.saffronwaldencricket.co.uk or www.finchingfieldcc.co.uk.

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NOTES

1. Finchingfield Cricket Club.

Re-established in 2006, Finchingfield Cricket Club has grown into a healthy and very active club. The club plays friendly matches only at the moment but this means players of all ages and abilities can be included in the games.

Net practise is every Friday evening starting at 1630 for juniors and 1900 for seniors. More details can be found at our website (www.finchingfieldcc.co.uk) or by contacting Jeremy Toyne on 07791653484.

2. Saffron Walden Cricket Club.

First established in 1859, Saffron Walden Cricket Club is an ECB 'Focus Club' providing cricket to all ages. For more information about the club please visit the website www.saffronwaldencricket.co.uk or contact David Barrs on 07760 484390.

3. ECB Focus Clubs.

For more information on ECB Focus Clubs visit www.ecb.co.uk/ecb/development/focus-clubs,497,BP.html.

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