

Nadeem's note to WCC executive Committee meeting – Thursday 27th Jan 2026.

“Jasper’s Great idea” -

The Walking Cricket Centenary Tournament will be a mixed-gender, aged 50+ festival-style event held at Winsley CC on a Sunday in July (date TBC once fixtures are confirmed). Four games will run simultaneously using an 8-a-side pairs format, with staggered start times so local teams begin earlier and travelling teams later. Josh Norgrove will invite teams via Crispin Springer - Gloucestershire Community Cricket Foundation and Somerset Cricket Foundation, with all teams completing their own pre-medical checks. We expect 150–180 attendees, so the day will require a fully stocked bar, BBQ, parking marshals, seating and shaded rest areas, first aid provision, umpires, scorers and around 12–14 volunteers. All coordination, schedules and safeguarding information will be managed through ClubSport365, and the event will also act as the launchpad for establishing a permanent 50+ Winsley Walking Cricket team as part of the club’s centenary legacy. Jasper is awaiting confirmation from Guiness Book Of Records to see if the event might establish a new record in terms of largest number of walking cricket participants on a cricket event – regardless of outcome – it’s a wonderful initiative from our younger members to lead on a project. I am delighted to be asked to support. More details to follow – we are working on the logistics and plans. I will keep everyone updated – please support by signing up as volunteer or even better participating if aged 50+!

WINSLEY CC – WALKING CRICKET CENTENARY TOURNAMENT

DRAFT EVENT PLAN

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Status: Draft for Executive Review – Thursday

1. Event Purpose

- Celebrate 100 years of Winsley Cricket Club with a flagship community event.
- Host a Walking Cricket Tournament for players aged 50+.
- Promote Walking Cricket locally and use the event to launch a permanent 50+ Walking Cricket team as part of the club's centenary legacy.
- Showcase inclusivity: mixed-gender participation encouraged.
- Provide a festival-style day that strengthens community ties and raises the club's profile locally and cricket community in our region..

2. Date & Venue

- Date: To Be Confirmed
 - Dependent on confirmation of club fixtures.
 - Action: Nadeem to chase via Cricket Committee.
- Preferred timing: A Sunday in July.
- Venue: Winsley Cricket Club.

3. Team Invitations & Participation

- Josh to contact:
 - Crispin Springler - Gloucestershire Cricket Foundation
 - Somerset Cricket Foundation
- Target: 10 players per team.
- Format: 8-a-side pairs cricket, 45-minute matches.
- Mixed-gender teams welcomed.
- Visiting teams to complete their own pre-medical checks in line with their club/foundation policies for participation in this format.

4. Match Scheduling & Pitch Layout

- Four games will take place simultaneously across the ground.
- Staggered start times:
 - Local teams begin earlier.
 - Teams travelling from further afield start later to allow for travel and orientation.
- Festival-style rotation to maximise participation and minimise waiting times.
- Pitch layout to ensure:
 - Safe boundaries
 - Clear walkways for spectators
 - Easy access for umpires and scorers
 - Space for rest areas and seating

5. Event Coordination via ClubSport365

ClubSport365 will be used as the central operational hub for:

- Team registration and sign-in
- Match schedules and pitch allocations
- Safeguarding guidance
- Volunteer coordination
- Parking instructions
- Emergency procedures
- Post-event Walking Cricket recruitment follow-up

This ensures consistency, transparency, and easy access for all visiting teams.

6. Volunteers & Roles

ON THE DAY : Core volunteer requirements:

- 4 volunteers for:
 - Bar
 - BBQ
 - Boundary management
- 2 volunteers per match (8 total for 4 pitches):
 - Player coordination
 - Equipment setup
 - On-field support

Additional roles:

- Parking marshals
- Welcome desk / registration
- Seating setup team
- Social media updates (supervised)
- General runners
- First aid support

7. Attendance & Crowd Management

- Expected attendance: 150–180 people.
- Requirements:
 - Clear signage
 - Safe walkways
 - Managed parking (Nick to speak to the Manor to request if we can use parking there – if not
 - Overflow parking plan
 - Accessible seating and rest areas
 - Shade structures (gazebos, umbrellas)
 - Clear spectator zones separate from playing areas

8. Seating & Rest Areas

- Seating to be hired/loaned/borrowed (if we don't have enough) and set out on the day.

- Rest areas positioned around the boundary to support:
 - Older participants
 - Mixed-gender teams
 - Spectators
- Water bottles and shaded areas essential for comfort and safety.
- Encourages pacing, hydration, and wellbeing for 50+ players.

9. Bar, Catering & Refreshments

- Bar to be fully stocked and properly staffed.
- BBQ team confirmed.
- Proposal to invite the pizza vendor as an additional food option.
- Hydration stations for players and spectators.

10. Safety, Medical & Hot Weather Planning

- Defibrillator check required before the event.
- First aid kits to be fully stocked (including ice packs).
- Identify trained first aiders.
- Hot weather considerations:
 - Hydration points
 - Shade areas
 - Sunscreen availability
 - Regular rest breaks for older players
- Clear emergency access routes maintained.

11. Officials

- Need:
 - Umpires (1 per pitch = 4 total)
 - Scorers (1 per pitch = 4 total)
- Youth volunteers can support with scoreboard duties under supervision.

12. Promotion & Legacy Building

A. Pre-Event Promotion

- Social media campaign
- Local press release
- Parish newsletters
- Posters in community hubs (GP surgeries, libraries, cafés)
- Highlight mixed-gender, inclusive nature of Walking Cricket

B. On-the-Day Recruitment

- Walking Cricket sign-up station
- Information leaflets
- Announcements inviting locals to join the new 50+ team

C. Post-Event Follow-Up

- Email all sign-ups
- Offer a free taster session

- Establish regular weekly/fortnightly sessions /invite to join existing sessions at both Winsley and Southwick
- Invite visiting teams back for friendly fixtures

Goal: Build a sustainable Walking Cricket group as a centenary legacy.

13. Next Steps (Action List)

- Nadeem: Confirm fixture list with Cricket Committee to finalise date
Upload guidance to ClubSport365.
- Josh: Begin contacting teams and foundations.
- Committee: Approve event concept and resource allocation.
- Josh/Jasper - Map pitch layout and staggered match schedule.equipment checks /shade structures/ Begin recruitment for bar, BBQ, match support,
- Nick: once date confirmed – Confirm parking request/promote event to manor/weaver/southwick parish newsletter
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- Week of event – Everyone - shade structures, and equipment checks.
- Contact pizza vendor and plan bar/BBQ logistics.
- Check defib, first aid kits, and identify first aiders.