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Attenborough Cricket Club

Attenborough Cricket Club was formed in 1905 and is based at the cricket fields on The Strand in Attenborough. The Club has a membership of 415 players (plus an additional 867 visiting players) and accommodates several hundred spectators.

The Club provides adult and junior training and matches in league competitions, including the delivery of the ECB Allstars and Dynamos programmes for over 200 children (5-12 years old).

The Club's home at The Strand is occupied under a licence from the Attenborough Village Green Association which, although due to expire in 2028, is expected to be renewed for a further 25 years.

Financial Information

In the year ended 30 September 2025, the Club generated revenue income of £116,505 (2024: £94,618), comprising primarily of profit from bar sales, donations, sponsorship and member subscriptions. Expenditure for the year totalled £96,276 (2024: £94,286) comprising primarily of the cost of employing professional players, bar staff, utilities, events costs, maintenance and other miscellaneous expenditure. The Club held reserves of £82,386 as at 30 September 2025 (2024: £62,157), including £51,404 in cash. It is the Club's policy to retain at least £25,000 in reserves to cover contingencies.

Grant Request

Attenborough Cricket Club has requested a capital grant of 25% (up to £20,000) of the total cost of new cricket nets and a sustainable playing surface. Such a request for 25% of the total anticipated cost of a project is in line with the Council's policy for capital grants relating to assets not owned by the Council.

The Club has submitted a detailed narrative in support of this application, as follows:

We aim to replace our community cricket club's 2-lane artificial outdoor nets (installed 30 years ago) with a 3-lane fully enclosed nets, with sustainable playing surface. The nets are used every day during the cricket season but urgently need replacing due to surface degradation and safety risks from open ends. Our community of members and users consistently highlighted the current nets as the main priority for improvement in our 2025 members survey.

Through providing excellent facilities for cricket activities we bring people together to improve their wellbeing and build strong relationships in and across communities. We are an inclusive club that facilitates connections across boundaries of age, gender, class, ethnicity, e.g. over 50s playing and training alongside teenagers; junior members from private and comprehensive schools building lasting friendships. These interactions help build confidence, belonging, and mutual support both on and off the field.

Our project aims to improve this vital space at the heart of our community. The Cricket Ground is used for events such as the annual fete, the scarecrow festival, and as a publicly accessible open green space. The ground is managed by the Attenborough Village Green Association and maintained by the cricket club on their behalf. We have discussed and shared the project with local residents and other users, including Attenborough FC and Secret Garden nursery. We will involve this wider community of users and promote the use of the nets on match days, invite them to events including the opening event, and supporting our fundraising.

The club facilities are a focal point for the wider community engaging them in range of volunteering activities including coaching, scoring, umpiring, social media promotions, social events. This includes our juniors, many of whom help our ECB All-Stars and Dynamos programmes as activators.

The new nets will help more people to reach their potential, by supporting them at the earliest possible stage. It will be particularly beneficial to increasing our capacity to nurture our junior players as they transition into open age cricket.

Beneficiaries include both our cricketing and wider communities. Around 200 members use the hardball nets for weekly training: 30 senior men, 15 U19s, 100 juniors, 60 women and girls. Around 900 visiting players will use the nets before and during matches on match days each season. Being fully enclosed nets, others using the ground will benefit through a safer shared environment for all e.g. we have nearly 200 Allstars and Dynamos aged 5-12 training near the nets on a Friday evening.

Our Cricket Ground is fully accessible and provides recreational space at the heart of our community. The Attenborough Village Green Association (AVGA) manages the land in perpetuity for the residents of the village and the Trustees administer it on their behalf for recreational and village activities. Local residents, players' family members and the public visit the ground to watch matches and training and enjoy hospitality in the pavilion, which serves as a community social space for a large number of residents of all ages. During match days, the nets will be open for any visitors to use.

We anticipate that the new nets will have a useful life of 30 years, ensuring lasting value and sustained benefit for both current residents and future generations.

Such a grant award would be in line with the Grant Aid Policy for the following key reasons:

- Sports Clubs are a specific category of groups welcomed to apply for financial assistance.
- The services provided by Attenborough Cricket Club benefit the people of Broxtowe and are complementary to those services provided by the Council.
- The activities of the Club target the welfare of potentially vulnerable sections of the community, helping to reduce social isolation and loneliness, as well as

providing co-curricular and healthy opportunities for children and young people.