

CHIPPING SODBURY CC

Junior Sods In Focus



Est 1860

Edition 1: Autumn 2024



In This Edition

Words From The Chair	1
Introducing Matt Leonard	2
Junior Awards Day	3
Team Successes	5
Open Aged Group Cricket	6
Under The Spotlight – Matt Leonard	7
Under The Spotlight – Eddie Holden	8
Gloucestershire Young Cricketers	9
Honours Boards	10
First Time Milestones	11
2024 In Numbers	12
South Glos Cricket Coaching Partnership	13
Cattle Country Chaos	15

Words From The Chair



Welcome to the first edition of "**Junior Sods In Focus**" a new publication dedicated to our clubs junior section. I hope you enjoy reading it.

Firstly I would like to express my sincere appreciation and thanks to Jay Penfold for his enormous contribution to the junior section at the club. Jay has overseen the clubs youth set up in recent years and has done a fantastic job.

This club now has a thriving junior section and that is in no small part down to his dedication and hard work. Nothing happens by magic and all of the hard work will pay this club back massively in the future. Alongside his

commitment to the juniors, Jay has also held a busy role in another vitally important area of the club, the bar. Understandably he felt that this was too much for one person to take on and has decided to step down from running the junior section to concentrate on the bar operations. I am sure you will join me in thanking "Pens" for his huge contribution over recent years.

2024 has been another fabulous year for our young players and junior teams which you can read all about in the following pages. Well done and congratulations to everybody who has been involved. Roll on 2025.

Jim Kendall
Chairman

Building On Solid Foundations

Matt Leonard



I want to extend a huge thank you and congratulations to all the coaches, volunteers, and players for another amazing season filled with success, effort, and most importantly, fun. A lot of preparation and hard work went into organising junior cricket this year, resulting in nearly eighty games and over eight hundred combined appearances by our Young Sods.

I'm thrilled to step into the role of Youth Chair, taking over from Jay Penfold. Our club has built a strong reputation for its commitment and approach to junior cricket, and I'm excited to continue building on the solid foundations laid in recent years. There are so many exciting developments at The Ridings, from our First XI pushing for and getting ever closer to a spot in WEPL tier 2 to the impressive plans for improving and extending the main pavilion. Plus, our junior teams have had an outstanding season. It's a fantastic time to be part of Chipping Sodbury Cricket Club!

As young players at this club,

you should appreciate the excellent facilities and opportunities available to you, and I'm sure you do. In return, the club is grateful to have you and your families involved in shaping its future. If you haven't yet, take

"Our club has built a strong reputation for its approach and commitment to junior cricket"

a moment to thank your parents or guardians for all the lifts, kit, equipment, and support they've provided to get you playing cricket this past summer. They do it because they know how much you love it, and a little appreciation goes a long way.

For those of you involved in winter sports, I wish you all the best. And for those who aren't, remember that pre season training is just around the corner – only about four months away!

I look forward to seeing you all in 2025 if not before.

Parents– We Need You!

Over the coming weeks we will be finalising the coaching set ups for each age group for the 2025 season. Our intention is to have an age group lead who has experience at 1st XI or equivalent standard. In some cases this will be current 1st XI players.

In order to deliver high quality sessions we need as many additional volunteers as possible, especially in the age groups with large numbers. Additional volunteers allow the lead coaches to split players into smaller groups to focus on specific drills which is a far more effective way of delivering training than large group sessions.

So, I have an appeal- are you a parent with some experience of playing the game (to whatever standard)? Do you tend to come to the majority of training sessions and games that your child takes part in? If so please consider coming forward to assist us. Drop me a message or give me a call. I look forward to hearing from lots of you.

Matt Leonard

Junior Awards Day

Celebrating Success!

The club held it's annual junior awards presentation day on 7 September.

The day was very well attended and we (just about) got away with the weather. It was great to see so many Junior Sods and their families come together to reflect on a wonderful season and celebrate some outstanding successes.

Well done to all those who took part in junior cricket this season and special congratulations to all those who won individual awards this year!



Ben Leonard
U11 Player Of The Year



Stanley Scott
U11 Spirit Of Cricket Award



Ralph Carter
U11 Most Improved Player



Oliver Hunter
U13 Spirit Of Cricket Award



Gautham Manchikalapati
U13 Bowler Of The Year



Ronnie Freeman
U13 Batter Of The Year



Finlay Houston-Broad
U13 Spirit Of Cricket Award



Tobias Vamplew
U13 Bowler Of The Year



Oliver Febry
U13 Batter Of The Year



Jacob Hayden
U13 Bowler Of The Year



Jack Gray
Elliot Brook Trophy

Award Winners



Zoe Taylor
Girls Batter Of The Year



Maria McLelland
Girls Bowler Of The Year



Lauren Mealing
Girls Spirit Of Cricket Award



Archie Meredith
U15 Bowler Of The Year



Riley Wakefield
U15 Batter Of The Year



Will Mountjoy
U15 Batter Of The Year



Felix Fielding
U15 Spirit Of Cricket Award



Tom Earley
U15 Spirit Of Cricket Award



Harry Hunter
U15 Bowler Of The Year



Henry Rendell
U17 Batter Of The Year



Ewan Frost
U17 Bowler Of The Year



Callum Mealing
U17 Spirit Of Cricket Award



2024 – Recognising Team Success

2024 saw unprecedented levels of success for our Junior Sods with multiple trophies secured in both league and cup competitions across all age groups.

Player development is at the heart of everything we do within the Junior section. Chasing trophies is not what we are all about.

However, its great to see all of the hard work resulting in such amazing team success!

Congratulations and well done to everyone involved.

“Up The Sods!”



U'11 Eagles
BYCL Participation Group 1
Winners



U'17
Colin Mitchell T20 Cup Winners



U'15 Lions
BYCL Foundation Group 1
Winners



U'16
T20 Development Cup Winners



U'13 Blues
BYCL Performance Group 1
Winners

Grounds Team Award!



Our amazing grounds team have won the **Gloucestershire Cricket Foundation Grounds Team Of The Year Award** for 2024.

With 2 grounds to maintain and pitches to prepare for nearly every day of the week the workload is huge.

All of our Junior Sods are so fortunate to play their cricket at The Ridings. Huge congratulations and a massive thank you to our dedicated grounds team.

Junior Sods & Open Age Group Cricket



Making the step up from junior to open age group cricket is a significant milestone in any player's cricketing journey.

We are committed to providing opportunities to boys & girls who have the right level of ability and potential.

Over 50% of junior players eligible to take part in open age group cricket (in accordance with the ECB regulations) played in Saturday league matches.

Well done to the following Junior Sods who played in Open Aged Group League Cricket in 2024

- 1st XI**
Henry Rendell (U'15)
Daniel Lambert (U'17)
Callum Mealing (U'17)
- 2nd XI**
Matthew Elmore (U'17)
Ollie Barton (U'17)
Riley Wakefield (U'15)
- 3rd XI**
George Nethercote (U'15)
Will Mountjoy (U'15)
Ronnie Freeman (U'13)
Kalel Caswell (U'17)
James Naude (U'15)
Ewan Frost (U'15)
- 4th XI**
Felix Fielding (U'15)
Lauren Mealing (Girls)
Evan Mead-Glass (U'15)
Jack Gray (U'15)
Finley Sullivan (U'15)
Archie Meredith (U'15)
Steven Elmore (U'15)
- 5th XI**
Gautham Manchikalapati (U'13)

Whenever Junior players appear in open age group cricket it is vital that they are given the opportunity to fully contribute within the game.

There were many eye catching performances throughout the season and the following awards clearly demonstrate the incredible impact our Junior Sods made in 2024!

2nd Team	Captains Player Of The Year - Matthew Elmore Players Player Of The Year - Callum Mealing
3rd Team	Captains Player Of The Year - Riley Wakefield Players Player Of The Year - Jack Gray
4th Team	Captains Player Of The Year - Lauren Mealing Players Player Of The Year - Will Mountjoy
5th Team	Captains Player Of The Year - Evan Mead-Glass
Womens Team	Captains Player Of The Year - Lauren Mealing

Each edition of "Junior Sods In Focus" will bring you the opportunity to get to know a member of the Junior coaching team a little better.

In this edition we place both **Matt Leonard** (Junior Chair) and **Eddie Holden** (Under 17's Coach) "Under The Spotlight"

Under The Spotlight



Matt Leonard

Name: Matt Leonard

Age: 48. I know what you are thinking. Yes, I do look much younger.

Nicknames: Lens, Lenny

Favourite film: The Shawshank Redemption

Favourite food: Steak and chips. Or something from the Sodbury BBQ on a Friday night.

Favourite band: New Order. Kids, Google them. You're welcome.

Favourite holiday destination: Barbados (before kids, obviously. Those were the days).

What's your current job? I am the UK Operations Manager for Europcar. Pre Covid my role involved lots of travelling to London and Paris. Post Covid involves daily commutes to the spare room. Happy Days.

Any other sports? I was fortunate to spend two years at West Bromwich Albion Football Club. Never got close to a first team appearance but played lots of reserve team football. Had an amazing football education under Ossie Ardiles and Keith Burkinshaw (Kids- ask your Dad).

After that I played for Yeovil Town for a year in the Vauxhall Conference as it was known then, ambled around for a year or two at Yate Town and Larkhall Athletic before finally hanging up the boots and focussing on a much better sport.



Cricket experience: I played for Stapleton CC for more than 20 years in the WEPL and County Alliance League (yes, cricket did exist before the WEPL).

I somehow managed to claim a little over 500 first team wickets by serving up a steady supply of left arm, in-swinging half volleys, plus some regular long hops.

Best player you ever played against? Kyle Abbot was decent. A few years after facing him at Clevedon he took 7 wickets on Test debut for South Africa. Wonder which he remembers more....

There was a decent off spinner at Knowle. Rendell was his name. Whatever happened to him?

On the football front, I still get occasional flashbacks to marking a young Julian Joachim at Leicester. Fair to say he got the better of me that night.

Sporting heroes: Bryan Robson.

Dislikes: Lateness and people who boast

Any superstitions? No, none. Absolute nonsense.

What would be your dream Test Match team from 2000 onwards?

Can't see this team losing too many games:

1. Matthew Hayden
2. Sachin Tendulkar
3. Ricky Ponting
4. Brian Lara
5. Joe Root
6. Ben Stokes
7. Jacques Kallis
8. Adam Gilchrist (wk)
9. Shane Warne
10. Jasprit Bumrah
11. Glen McGrath



Next up and "Under The Spotlight" is our Under 16's & 17's coach, Eddie Holden...

Under The Spotlight



Eddie Holden

Name: Eddie Holden

Age: Twenty something

Favourite film: Home Alone (the originals!)

Favourite food: A chicken tikka masala is the way to any mans heart (peshwari naan is a must!)

Favourite holiday destination: Any excuse to get the Speedo's on and lather on the factor 50, I'll be there! However, clipping on the ski's and hitting the slopes has to be a winner in my book. In New Zealand we would get on the slopes in the morning and take a dip in the sea in the afternoon!

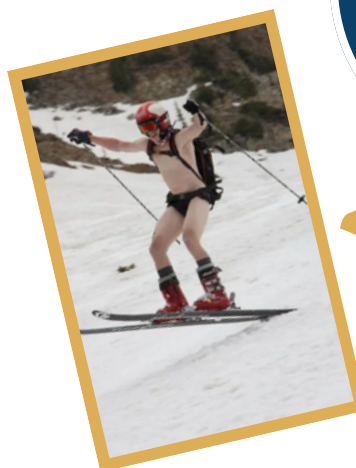
What's your current job? Developing cricketers to bring the best potential out of each and every athlete. It has been a passion from a young age and has taken me to the other side of the World, playing and coaching in New Zealand! To be able to pass on the knowledge I have picked up along the way and see improvements is so rewarding! I cannot wait to work with the next generation of Sodbury cricketers and to hopefully one day share the field with them in the seniors!

Worst Injury? Eating a cricket ball! Several trips to the dentist and a false tooth got me back to normal. You'll be glad to know I still caught it!

Cricket experience: Started soft ball cricket at Hambrook, then hard ball from under 11's to current day at Chipping Sodbury. Progressed through the junior teams as an opening batsmen but now opening the bowling for the first team. I am currently the First XI T20 Captain, as well as leading our Sunday development side. I love every moment on the field, and very much look forward to the future for Sodbury, especially seeing lots of Junior Sods progressing through the ranks!



"You Guys give up? Or are ya thirsty for more?"



Don't ask Ed to show you his holiday snaps!

My love and passion for the game has taken me to New Zealand as the overseas player / coach for Temuka Cricket Club. Christmas day involves shorts and a t-shirt, a plate of BBQ food, a cold beer and dipping feet in the swimming pool!

Favourite Ground: The Ridings of course! Up the Sods.

Least favourite ground: Any ground with a tree on the pitch!

Favourite shot: I'm sure Geoffrey Boycott wouldn't approve but the reverse sweep against spin and the ramp against pace. If you practice it, there are no fielders there and the game situation allows it, back yourself!

Most memorable game played in? A real tough one! Has to be the promotion winning game in 2022, away at Chipping Campden. I got a stylish third ball duck and no wickets. But we managed to chase a niggly 138 with nine wickets down to secure promotion into the WEPL.

Any superstitions? Whoever puts their gloves on before their helmet needs looking at.

What would be your dream Test Match team from 2000 onwards?

1. Virender Sehwag
2. Alastair Cook
3. Kumar Sangakkara (wk)
4. Joe Root
5. Ricky Ponting
6. Ben Stokes
7. AB de Villiers
8. Andrew Flintoff
9. Pat Cummins
10. Shane Warne
11. Jimmy Anderson



"Hey, where's my peshwari naan?"

Junior Sods Representing The County



Henry Rendell
GCCC- U15



Ronnie Freeman
GCCC- U12



Harrison Davis
GCCC- U12



Gautham Manchikalapati
GCCC- U12



Tobias Vamplew
GCCC- U12



Harry Baker
GCCC- U12



Oliver Hunter
GCCC Dev- U12



Ben Leonard
GCCC- U11

"Everybody at Chipping Sodbury Cricket Club is extremely proud of all the Junior Sods who have performed in the colours of Gloucestershire Young Cricketers this year.

The number of young players from The Ridings who have represented the County in recent years is remarkable and clearly demonstrates the depth of talent which exists within our club.

Well done to all of you"

Jim Kendall
Chairman

Chipping Sodbury CC

Juniors Honours Boards



Congratulations to all of our Junior Sods who have made our honours boards during the 2024 season. For those that missed out this season, remember you were an integral part of your team. Fun and success would not have been possible without your contributions.

Under 11

Name	Opposition	Score
Ben Leonard	Cheltenham	52 not out
Austin McLelland	Cheltenham	52 retired
Ben Leonard	Cricklade	46 not out
Austin McLelland	Charlton Kings	43
Ben Leonard	Downend	27 retired
Theo Gilmore	Downend	27 retired
Austin McLelland	Thornbury	27 retired
Ben Leonard	Golden Hill	26 retired
Stanley Scott	Bradley Stoke	26 retired
Austin McLelland	Rockhampton	25 retired
Ben Leonard	Bradley Stoke	25 retired
Theo Gilmore	Thornbury	25 retired
Ben Leonard	Golden Hill	25 retired
Ben Leonard	Bishopston	25 retired
Austin McLelland	Downend	25 retired
Ben Leonard	Bishopston	25 retired

Under 13

Name	Opposition	Score
G. Manchikalapati	Rockhampton	101 not out
Ronnie Freeman	Rockhampton	57
Steven Elmore	Rockhampton	50
Ronnie Freeman	Thornbury	38 retired
G. Manchikalapati	Stroud	38 retired
Ronnie Freeman	Stroud	37 retired
G. Manchikalapati	Rockhampton	36 retired
Eddie Rendell	Old Down	36 retired
Tobias Vamplew	Rockhampton	35 retired
Steven Elmore	Patchway	35 retired
Ronnie Freeman	Stapleton	35 retired
Ronnie Freeman	Thornbury	35 retired
Ronnie Freeman	Rockhampton	35 retired
G. Manchikalapati	Stapleton	35 retired
Ben Leonard	Downend	35 retired
Ben Leonard	Old Down	35 retired
Oliver Febry	Thornbury	35 not out

Under 15 - 17

Name	Opposition	Score
Riley Wakefield	Winterbourne	103 retired
Henry Rendell	Bradley Stoke	81 not out
Felix Fielding	Winterbourne	69 not out
Callum Mealing	Bristol	58 not out
Henry Rendell	Rockhampton	57 not out
Henry Rendell	Golden Hill	52 not out
Henry Rendell	Frenchay	51 retired
Riley Wakefield	Old Down	51 retired
Riley Wakefield	Hanham	50 retired
Henry Rendell	Frenchay	50 retired
Riley Wakefield	Chepstow	50 retired
Will Mountjoy	Bradley Stoke	50
Will Mountjoy	Hambrook	50 retired
Henry Rendell	Carsons & Mangotsfield	50 retired
Henry Rendell	Bishopston	50 retired

Bowling

Name	Opposition	Age Group	Figures
Ben Leonard	Golden Hill	Under 11	5 - 1
Archie Meredith	Bristol	Under 15	5 - 22
Archie Meredith	Old Down	Under 15	4 - 7
G. Manchikalapati	Rockhampton	Under 13	3 - 0
Ben Leonard	Thornbury	Under 13	3 - 5
Harrison Davis	Stoke Bishop	Under 16	3 - 5
Rapha Gilmore	Golden Hill	Under 11	3 - 6
Theo Gilmore	Bishopston	Under 11	3 - 6
Danny Crew	Rockhampton	Under 13	3 - 7
Harrison Davis	Frampton Cotterell	Under 15	3 - 7
Henry Rendell	Bradley Stoke	Under 15	3 - 7
Archie Meredith	Hanham	Under 15	3 - 10
Archie Meredith	Frenchay	Under 15	3 - 11
Theo Gilmore	Downend	Under 13	3 - 12
Ewan Millard	Frampton Cotterell	Under 13	3 - 12
Archie Meredith	Bishopston	Under 17	3 - 12
Ralph Carter	Cheltenham	Under 11	3 - 13
Ewan Frost	Knowle	Under 17	3 - 16
Tobias Vamplew	Rockhampton	Under 13	3 - 20
Ewan Frost	Rockhampton	Under 17	3 - 23
Ewan Frost	Chepstow	Under 15	3 - 24

First Timers!

Celebrating Maiden 100's, 50's & 5 Wickets



Ronnie Freeman
103 not out vs Worcestershire



Austin McLelland
52 retired vs Cheltenham



Riley Wakefield
103 retired vs Winterbourne



Gautham Manchikalapati
101 not out vs Rockhampton



Archie Meredith
5 - 22 vs Bristol



Ben Leonard
52 not out vs Cheltenham



Henry Rendell
5 - 10 vs Langford



Riley Wakefield
50 vs Hanham



Ollie Barton
102 retired vs Winsley



Jack Gray
68 not out vs Bradley Stoke



Steven Elmore
50 vs Rockhampton



Ben Leonard
5 - 1 vs Golden Hill

Many congratulations to all of these Junior Sods who reached individual milestones for the first time during the 2024 season.

"Its always a special moment for any young cricketer when they achieve a cricketing milestone for the first time. Whether its compiling their first half century, scoring their maiden ton or bagging their first five wicket haul, the self belief and confidence it provides is invaluable.

No doubt, these will be the first of many. Congratulations to all of you.

I look forward to seeing many more Young Sods tick off these special achievements in 2025!"

Matt Leonard

Statistically Speaking

2024 - The Season In Numbers

76
Matches Played

72.46%
Win Percentage

5
Trophies Won

831
Combined
Appearances

233
Highest Team Total
U13's V Rockhampton

179
Biggest Partnership
Riley Wakefield & Felix Fielding
U15's V Winterbourne

8,778
Balls Faced

783
4's

50
6's

8,758
Runs Scored

10,463
Balls Delivered

51
Run Outs

21.18
Strike Rate

494
Wickets Taken

Ronnie Freeman	621 Runs @ 47.77
Henry Rendell	605 Runs @ 121.00
Ben Leonard	516 Runs @ 43.00



Ben Leonard	31 Wkts @ 7.58
Archie Meredith	27 Wkts @ 9.22
Ewan Frost	23 Wkts @ 11.57

* Statistics based on CSCC Junior matches only. Excludes open age group, County and representative cricket



Winter Training

Fear not Young Sods, the opportunity to strap the pads back on will soon be upon us.

We are pleased to confirm that our winter training programme will once again be delivered by South Glos Cricket Coaching. Sessions will begin from **Saturday 1st March** at Yate International Academy and will run for a period of 6 weeks.

We are currently finalising the start times and groups. Details will be communicated via Spond in due course.

South Glos Cricket Coaching

Taking Your Game To The Next Level



**South Glos
Cricket**

COACHING AND DEVELOPMENT



Chipping Sodbury CC are excited to be continuing our partnership with South Glos Cricket Coaching.

Our pre-season programme will once again be devised and delivered by their team of qualified coaches.

Through our partnership, Junior Sods are able to access a range of courses as well as one-to-one sessions at discounted rates.

Head to www.southgloscricket.co.uk to take advantage!



"Our coaching is available to any child, irrespective of age, gender and ability, that has an interest in cricket and wants to improve their skills. We use the latest techniques, drills and equipment to offer your child the best experience to develop their game and ultimately enjoy playing cricket"

Eddie Holden

South Glos Cricket Coaching

Club House Hire

Looking for an affordable space for your wedding, birthday party, christening, wake, corporate event or function?

Did you know- Sodbury Members can hire the clubhouse for FREE!

Non members can take advantage of the facilities from just £25 per hour

✓ Fully licenced bar

✓ Fully equipped kitchen

✓ Space for marquee

✓ Can accommodate up to 50 people seated

✓ Catering can be arranged

Visit

<https://chippingsodburycc.co.uk/hire/>



Date For The Diary!

Halloween Party- Saturday 2 November



Get ready for a spooktacular evening of fun, frights and fabulous costumes!

Come as your most creepiest, freakiest, funniest or most creative self! There will be food, drinks, prizes and plenty of thrills.

The action commences at 6pm

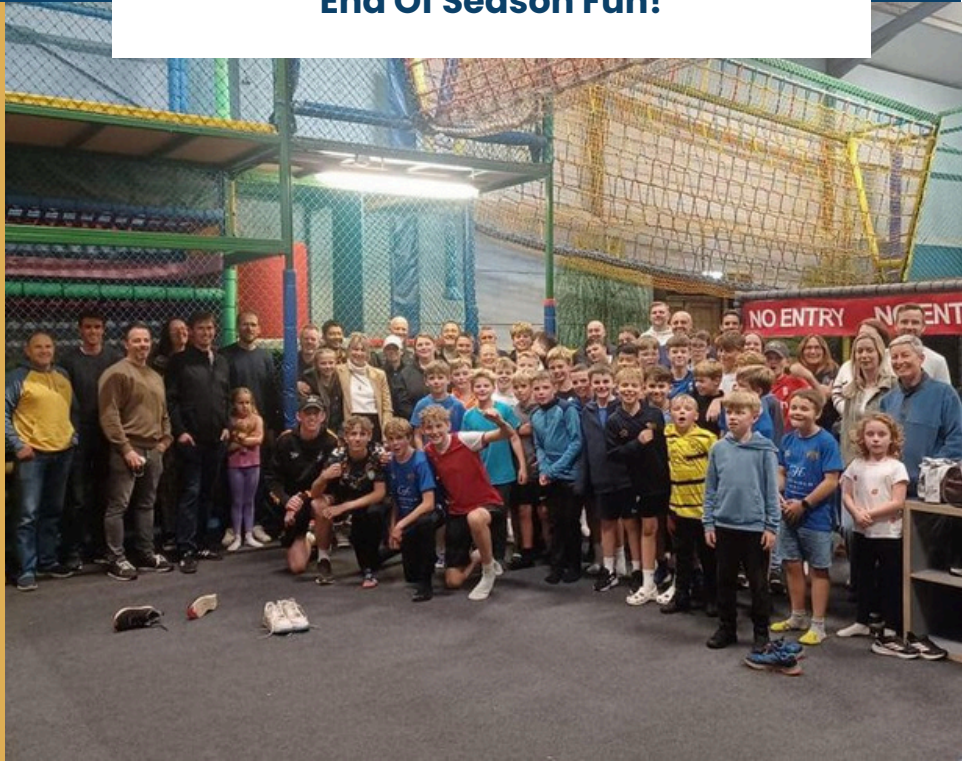
And Finally...

End Of Season Fun!

Our Junior Sods enjoyed a memorable end to the season thanks to **Cattle Country Farm Park**.

We were fortunate to be given private access to the attraction for the whole evening! Lots of fun was had by all, including several of the parents who seemed to spend more time on the "death slide" than any of the kids. Eddie Holden brought his Speedo's although he left the audience a little disappointed when he backed out of entering the splash pool.

Massive thanks to Steve and Kate Hunter for allowing us access, the staff at Cattle Country for hosting us and to Debbie Freeman for overseeing the administration.



2025 Membership Confirmations



Reminder from Steve Forecast

We know that the season, as cold and windy as it was, has only recently finished but thoughts are already turning to pre-season training and the 2025 season.

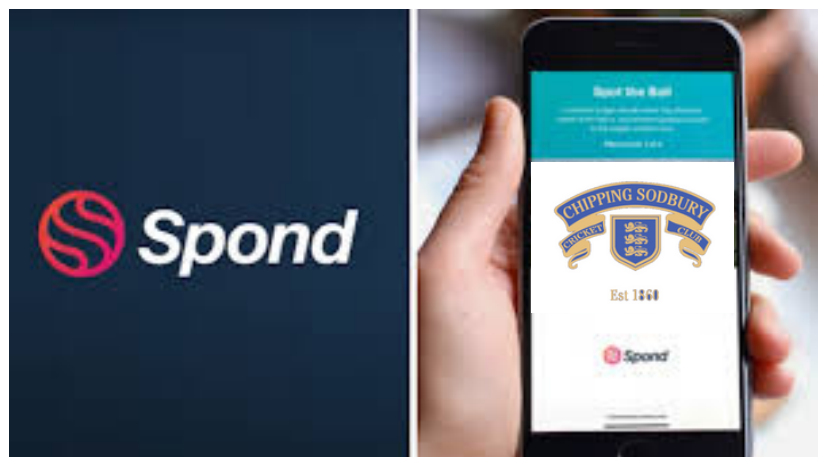
So that our records are up to date we ask all members to confirm the details that we have for them.

Everyone should have received a message via Spond with a link to confirm details. For those that have already done it, many thanks. **For those still outstanding, please can I ask that you do this as soon as possible.**

If you have any problems or queries, please drop an email to membership@chippingsodburycc.co.uk

Thanks for your support,

Steve



Special Thanks To OUR SPONSORS

CHARTWELL

FUNDING



F D Cummins Financial Planning
Limited

Sprint Print & Design



 **MORGAN
CARTWRIGHT**
FINANCIAL SERVICES


 **JMI** BATHROOM AND
KITCHEN CENTRE

BEAN & CO
QUICK BITES & BOLD BREWS
FRESHLY TOASTED & BAKED
© HATHERILLS YARD

*any driver... when
we can deliver!*
SODBURY FUELS
Suppliers of Oils & Tanks to Homes, Farms and Industry

 **Benno's**
FRUIT & VEG

AUTO TRANS
ATGL
GLOUCESTER LIMITED

 **Cotswold
Homes**
Building beautiful homes in
Chipping Sodbury and Yate

 **southern plasticlad Ltd**

 **BRISTOL FIRE**

 **WESSEX**
PLANT HIRE

REED
DESIGN & PRINT

AK
PLUMBING



 **THE
SQUIRE**
INN
CHIPPING SODBURY

THE BOUNDARY

 **Wotton Tarpaving Ltd**

silostay 
ACCOMMODATION

JAMES BALL CARS LTD



*Chipping Sodbury Cricket Club
sincerely thanks all of our sponsors for their
invaluable support*

If your Company or Organisation would like to help our development and share in our success please email secretary@chippingsodburycc.co.uk