



MCC Community
End of Year Report 2017





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A word from our Chief Executive

I am pleased to report that 2017 has been another excellent year for MCC's community engagement work. Over the course of the year, over 8000 people from communities living close to Lord's having experienced one of our programmes.

Having recently started as MCC's Chief Executive, it has been great to personally take part in a range of community initiatives; from sleeping in the Mount Stand for the CEO Sleepout to singing Christmas Carols alongside members of our local community. It has also been really encouraging to see so many MCC Staff and Members at the heart of these programmes, giving up over five hundred hours of their time. It shows to me how embedded our community work is within the Club's values.

We aim as a Club to create opportunities for those within our local community to visit Lord's and to raise aspirations of school children both on and off the cricket field. Building on from this year's delivery, 2018 will see increased work across all areas, especially in the delivery of cricket initiatives in the community.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our partners who have helped make this year a huge success for our community engagement work. The scope and scale of our community work will increase in 2018 and we fully intend to ensure we create meaningful and interesting programmes that make a real difference to people's lives.

G. W. Lavender

Guy Lavender
Chief Executive & Secretary, MCC

Introduction

MCC's Community Department has had another fantastic year in 2017, engaging with more than 8,000 people within our local community.

We continue to work around our three core themes of Health & Wellbeing, Education & Employment and Inclusion & Cohesion, all of which are underpinned by cricket and Lord's the venue.

This year saw our two Apprentice Coaches complete their apprenticeship, with Harry Thompson retained as a permanent member of staff. We also welcomed Harry Spall as the latest apprentice to join our coaching team via the Coach Core programme.

These additional staff have allowed us to deliver cricket sessions in thirty local Westminster state schools – our largest number to date. Throughout the next year, we have ambitions for cricket to be taught by one of our Community Coaches in every school in Westminster.

Our Spirit of Cricket Day continues to be the highlight of the summer. Working in partnership with Chance to Shine, we welcomed 500 young people to the Home of Cricket to take part in various cricket activities around the Ground. Unfortunately, wet weather prevented the pupils gracing the hallowed turf in 2017. However, on Monday 17th July, MCC and Chance to Shine invited 580 children to Lord's, this time to break the Guinness World Record for the "Largest Cricket Lesson (single venue)" surpassing the previous effort by Cricket Australia at Sydney Cricket Ground.

Middlesex CCC continues to be a valuable partner and through this partnership over 3,000 young people were given the opportunity to visit Lord's and watch Middlesex in action over two days.

The ICC Women's World Cup saw MCC and the four London-based first-class counties (Middlesex, Essex, Kent and Surrey) working together for the first time to deliver a variety of activities at grassroots level. Over 700 young people from Westminster benefited from these programmes, funded by the Greater London Authority, with Christchurch Bentinck Primary School pupils accompanying the players for the national anthems during the final at Lord's.

We continue to increase our efforts away from the cricket field. Our ex-offender programme continues to be a huge success and provides life-changing opportunities for those from the local community who take part.

Increasing access to Lord's remains a priority, through our monthly reminiscence sessions and other events targeting social isolation, we have welcomed over a thousand local elderly people to Lord's.

All of our programmes are underpinned by MCC Staff with eighty-two members of staff donating their time in 2017. From career support for local students to spending the night under the stars in the stands for our annual CEO Sleepout event to donate funds for various homelessness charities, the support of MCC staff is central to the success of our work.

Our thanks to our partners and volunteers for 2017 an incredible year for MCC Community. We look forward to continuing and developing our programmes to make 2018 an even greater success.

Ricky Reynolds

Community Development Manager



At A Glance





WHAT WE DID

Local children and young people offered an enhanced opportunity to participate in cricket and other physical activity.

WHO WE REACHED

Primary and secondary school children from SEN, local and national schools, as well as disability groups.

KEY STATISTICS

- 1,496 students across 30 local Westminster state schools
- 42 players for the MCC Foundation Hub at Lord's to be part of the MCC Hub

MCC again increased its cricket delivery in 2017, to 30 local Westminster state schools. Three coaches and some exciting new programmes meant we were able to deliver an exciting range of curriculum and after-school sessions to local children and young people. The four London-based first-class counties (Middlesex, Essex, Kent and Surrey) worked collaboratively on projects linked to the ICC Women's World Cup. Two new programmes were launched. Dancing Down the Wicket, a partnership between MCC and the Royal Academy of Dance, is designed to integrate cricket and dance, and to introduce students to both disciplines. Tri-Ball is a new multi-sport initiative to coincide with the cricket, netball and hockey World Cups being hosted in the UK in the next three years. The programme teaches skills shared across the three sports in new and innovative ways.

With this increased capacity and variety of programmes, we were able to work with 1,496 students across 30 schools throughout 2017.

School Cricket Delivery

MCC Foundation Hub

The MCC Foundation Hub at Lord's has seen another period of growth. The squad now includes 42 talented cricketers who receive high-quality coaching throughout the winter in the MCC Cricket Academy. These players range from those who are returning to the Hub, as well as new players identified by our coaches within local state schools, or by their local club as particularly talented cricketers who otherwise may not have access to coaching.

Community Cricket

We are passionate about creating opportunities for as many young people as possible to play cricket and experience sport in new and innovative ways. Paddington Juniors sessions saw many new faces taking part in cricket sessions at Paddington Rec throughout the summer. We also worked with many youth clubs and holiday programmes to run cricket games throughout Westminster during the holiday periods, giving many young people a new excitement for the game.

I've been watching the coaches with the students since September 2017. The lessons are well structured, with clear instructions from the coaches. The children's skills have progressed, particularly working as a team, which has been great to see.

Mrs. Healey Teacher

In PE, our whole class is always united.

Elizabeth Year 6

It's exciting! We learn lots of different sports in lots of different ways.

Gabriella Year 5

I love PE lessons with Lord's Community, we do new things we've never done before and our coaches always make it fun - it's epic!

Thomas Year 6

PARTNERS
Local Westminster Schools
Middlesex CCC



School Engagement Days

Our pupils enjoyed visiting Lord's. We saw them using their social skills and participating in a way that we have not previously witnessed. Many of them had not played cricket before, so to see them all playing with your coaches and asking to play cricket again was amazing.

Chrissie Wilson Teacher, Chilworth House School

Yet again, another fantastically organised event by MCC and Middlesex. This was our second year attending the annual inclusion event and our students absolutely loved it. They learnt so much about the history of Lord's, whilst testing their cricket skills against one another.

Ollie Wake Teacher, Hammersmith Academy



WHAT WE DID

In partnership with Chance to Shine and Middlesex CCC, we opened Lord's to schoolchildren over three days to promote cricket within the next generation.

WHO WE REACHED

Primary and secondary schoolchildren from SEN, local and national schools, as well as groups for disabled people.

KEY STATISTICS

School participation day: On Thursday 27th April, 2,775 young people attended, from 59 primary and 21 secondary schools

Spirit of Cricket day: On Tuesday 6th June, 500 children attended from 22 state schools -- 10 local schools and 12 schools from around the country

Inclusion day: On Monday 19th June, 473 participants (supplemented by 142 responsible adults) from 30 Special Educational Needs schools and community groups for disabled people

Guinness World Record: On Monday 17th July, 580 children attended, from 20 primary schools

In partnership with Middlesex CCC, we worked together to inspire the future of the sport within our community by inviting over 3,000 young people to experience the Home of Cricket. We held two engagement days: one for primary and secondary schools, the other for SEN Schools and groups for disabled people.

In addition to watching Middlesex CCC play at Lord's, the participants enjoyed an array of activities around the ground including competitions, cricket-based activities and tours.

Spirit of Cricket Day

500 schoolchildren from across the country took over Lord's on Tuesday 6th June for the annual MCC Spirit of Cricket Open Day, run jointly with charity Chance to Shine.

Pupils from 18 schools were supported by England all-rounder Chris Woakes, former England batsman James Taylor and former England Women's captain Charlotte Edwards.

The day started with broadcaster Mark Nicholas delivering a cricketing assembly before the school pupils were treated to a journalism workshop in the J.P. Morgan Media Centre.

Weather denied the chance for games on the Lord's outfield, but the kids were still able to enjoy a number of fun cricket activities in the MCC Cricket Academy and the Real Tennis Courts as well as tours around the Ground.



PARTNERS
Middlesex CCC
Chance to Shine
Local Westminster Schools



Guinness World Record

On Monday 17th July, MCC partnered with charity Chance to Shine to break a Guinness World Record for the "Largest Cricket Lesson (single venue)" at Lord's.

The record was set by 580 schoolchildren from Chance to Shine schools, helping to beat Cricket Australia's record, which was set by 488 children at Sydney Cricket Ground.

The cricket lesson was led by former England Women's captain Charlotte Edwards, with assistance from former England Women's bowler Isa Guha and a team of qualified cricket coaches.

A Guinness World Records adjudicator was on hand to make sure all rules were adhered to during the 30-minute lesson, where children performed bowling and fielding drills at the Home of Cricket.



"It was brilliant to see so many young people having the opportunity to play and learn through cricket and beating the Guinness World Record – set by the Aussies – at the Home of Cricket was the icing on the cake!"
Charlotte Edwards Former England Women's captain



Howzart!



KEY PARTNERS
Westminster Schools
Great Art

To celebrate the ICC Women's World Cup Final taking place at Lord's Cricket Ground in 2017, the theme for this year's art competition was the contribution women have made in sport.

Throughout the summer, children from local schools took part in the programme, which consisted of a tour of Lord's, followed by an art workshop led by qualified teacher, David Ward. The workshops introduced the children to various drawing techniques including methods of drawing facial features and creating movement. Groups were given resource packs to enable them to carry on with their artworks back in their classrooms.

Schools were encouraged to incorporate their current art curriculum into the programme. For example, pupils from George Eliot Primary School created art inspired by Cubism and Picasso featuring sportswomen such as Charlotte Edwards and Venus and Serena Williams.

The judging panel, which included MCC Arts and Library Committee members, selected 28 winners who were awarded tickets to the watch ICC Women's World Cup Final at Lord's. In addition, the panel chose St Vincent's RC Primary School as overall winner of the competition.

I was struck by the overall quality of the exhibits; a number stood out because they demonstrated particularly good draughtsmanship, use of colour, design or originality.

Ricky Roundell MCC Arts and Library committee Member and Vice Chairman of Christie's UK



WHAT WE DID

The Howzart programme enabled students to develop their art skills and world knowledge whilst learning about women in sport.

WHO WE REACHED

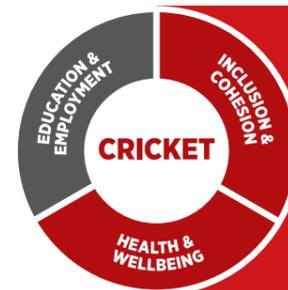
Westminster schoolchildren in primary and Special Educational Needs schools.

KEY STATISTICS

- 9 primary schools and 1 SEN school
- 402 children
- 28 winners



Hawk-Eye & Numeracy



WHAT WE DID

MCC Community introduced an exciting half-day programme in 2017, focusing on maths development utilising the Hawk-Eye technology based in the MCC Cricket Academy. The lessons are designed to bring numeracy to life in a real-world context.

WHO WE REACHED

425 students from 15 schools visited Lord's to take part in the programme. We are looking forward to using this model to work alongside our partner schools to further develop STEM programmes designed to support students' learning beyond the classroom and the cricket pitch.

War plays with Westminster Archives



KEY PARTNERS
 Barrow Hill Junior School,
 Westminster Cathedral RC
 Primary School, St Saviour's
 CE Primary School,
 All Souls CE Primary School
 Westminster Archives Centre



WHAT WE DID

In partnership with Westminster Archives, MCC hosted two performances incorporating local history, cricket and the First and Second World Wars.

WHO WE REACHED

Primary schoolchildren from Westminster state schools.

KEY STATISTICS

Samuel Godley Play: 120 children from three primary schools
Passchendaele Play: 120 children from All Souls CE Primary School.

In partnership with Westminster Archives, MCC hosted two special plays for local primary schoolchildren.

Samuel Godley, who served in the 2nd Regiment of Life Guards and was recognised for his heroism at the Battle of Waterloo, was the subject of the first play. Godley was also an amateur cricketer for MCC, and his name appears on the Roll of Honour located in the Pavilion at Lord's. He is buried opposite Lord's, in St John's Wood Burial Ground.

Westminster Archives Centre led a series of workshops within three schools focusing on Samuel Godley. Following the workshops, an interactive play featuring actors from the MOD Theatre Company, where all 120 children also had a role to play, was hosted at Lord's to commemorate the anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo in June. The children later attended an unveiling of Godley's renovated gravestone.

On 8th November, MCC hosted another play that marked the centenary of the end of the First World War battle of Passchendaele. Year 6 pupils from All Souls CE Primary School performed a play called The Last Test, which told the stories of England Test cricketers Colin Blythe, who was killed on the last day of the battle, Major Booth, who had been named one of Wisden's five cricketers of the year in 1914.



KEY PARTNERS
 Rehabilitation for Addicted Prisoners Trust (RAPt)
 Westminster Adult Education Service (WAES)

Work Experience Project



WHAT WE DID
 A six-week work experience programme with ex-offenders

WHO WE REACHED
 Ex-offenders with a history of drug and alcohol addiction

KEY STATISTICS
 MCC Community, in partnership with The Forward Trust, developed a six-week work experience placement for service users in order to improve their employability prospects and recovery.

Six candidates attended our training week, each gaining a Food Safety and Customer Service Qualification through Westminster Adult Education Service, as well as having interview practice with MCC staff. Three candidates went on to gain a work experience placement at Lord's, with two being offered employment on a casual basis with our Catering Department, joining the four candidates from previous years who are still employed by the Club.

Once again, MCC staff have run another fantastic programme. It was great to see our clients' smiles come back onto their faces and know that they can do more than they think they can. I cannot thank MCC enough, they always go the extra mile to support us.

Tiffany Parkinson-Mais Deputy Recovery Support Manager

Lee and Desmond were two of the candidates who secured paid employment at Lord's during the 2017 season. For both men, this opportunity offered a chance to return to employment after a considerable amount of time and to gain a reference to help them secure further work.

Both showed commitment throughout the work experience period, gaining supervisory experience looking after the busy kitchens during major matches.

I gained motivation, focus and increased my confidence. I also got better at talking to people. I got better at waking up early, having a routine and sticking to it. Having a supervisor role during the Test Matches gave me leadership skills that I will carry on in my own business.

Desmond

The value of work experience in a safe environment is especially great for those in recovery as it leads to both professional and personal development.

Finishing the season was my highlight. It was an achievement not walking away under the pressure. Addicts are not good under pressure so this was amazing. The atmosphere at the end of the season was great with the team being together, celebrating the end.

Lee

Through his experience at Lord's, Desmond gained the confidence to pursue a career in Personal Training and he has started a fitness coaching and nutrition enterprise.

This has helped me get where I am now. I'm grateful to have a safety net and I now have the confidence to do my own thing.

Desmond

Lee will continue to work at Lord's on a casual basis.

This is the best job I've had. The atmosphere, the way people speak to me, it's something I have not experienced before. I've also learnt a lot about myself. I aim to progress and see how far I can go.

Lee

Apprenticeships



Harry Thompson

Having completed the Coach Core apprenticeship this year, Harry was employed by MCC as a full-time Community Coach.

I have loved every second of my time with MCC; moving from an apprentice to a full-time member of staff has given me everything I need for the future I want to pursue. I still can't believe that this is my job and can't wait to see where it takes me.

Harry Spall

MCC has continued to work in partnership with The Royal Foundation's Coach Core Apprenticeship Programme. Harry is the third Apprentice Coach to be appointed via this programme, and he has supported local Westminster schools and community initiatives as well as cricket sessions within the MCC Cricket Academy.

I applied for this apprenticeship because I have a passion for cricket and enjoy helping young people to develop and enjoy sport, in particular cricket. I have done various other jobs and felt that I am most suited to helping people because I am a good listener and have the patience to understand a particular individual and try to help them wherever possible.

Throughout my time with MCC, I have learnt various coaching styles which have helped me coach/teach young people using different methods allowing them to enjoy the activity they are taking part in.

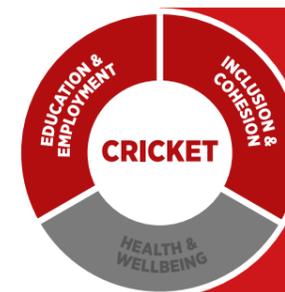
I have enjoyed teaching in schools in and around Westminster, coaching different age groups throughout. These schools have allowed me to develop and improve my coaching style as I can see which activities have gone well and which might need to be improved based on the reaction of the children. The Cricket Academy has also been a great place to try out different activities and ideas to help develop the cricketing ability of the various groups.



Cameron Forsey

Cameron is the second Apprentice Chef appointed by MCC. He is currently working towards completing a Level 3 apprenticeship.

Cameron attends college one day a week and has gained an insight into the catering operation at Lord's by working in the Main Kitchen, the Cold Production Kitchen and the Pastry Kitchen.



WHAT WE DID

MCC Community continues to support young people accessing employment via the apprenticeship pathway.

WHO WE REACHED

Young people under 25 years

KEY STATISTICS

- Two new apprentices employed
- One apprentice gaining full time employment full-time employment

Careers Support For Young People

The Challenge Network

Throughout the year, we supported over a hundred young people who were participating in the National Citizen Service (NCS) programme. This programme empowers young people to make a proactive social impact within their community whilst working on their own personal and professional development.

The young people were preparing their “Dragon’s Den” presentations, which they would be pitching to a panel of judges to secure funding for their social action campaign. To help them with this, MCC staff volunteers delivered presentation skills workshops the day beforehand.

All eight teams were successful in their presentations and were able to secure the maximum funding of £30 each towards their campaigns. As a cohort, they raised over £1,150 towards their chosen charities.

Explore Your Horizons: Speed Networking and Work Skills Event

In partnership with Team London, Lord’s was the venue for a speed networking event aimed at raising aspirations within 250 young people across the capital. Participants spent the first half of the day taking part in a series of workshops encouraging them to think more about the world of work and the various career options that might be possible for them. This was followed by one-to-one networking sessions with business leaders who offered advice and insight for an array of career pathways. Business leaders included representatives from J.P. Morgan and ECB as well as MCC Members and Staff.

Local School Support

MCC Staff supported young people via a series of work-related workshops within local secondary schools, organised via the Westminster Business Partnership. These workshops aimed to demonstrate how skills and knowledge gained in specific areas can be applied in the working world. Subjects included:

- Design and technology
- Maths and engineering
- Written language at work



WHAT WE DID

MCC Community, in partnership with various organisations, worked to support young people with their career goals. Activities included social enterprise innovation with The Challenge Network, a Speed Networking and Work Skills Event and work-related learning in local schools.

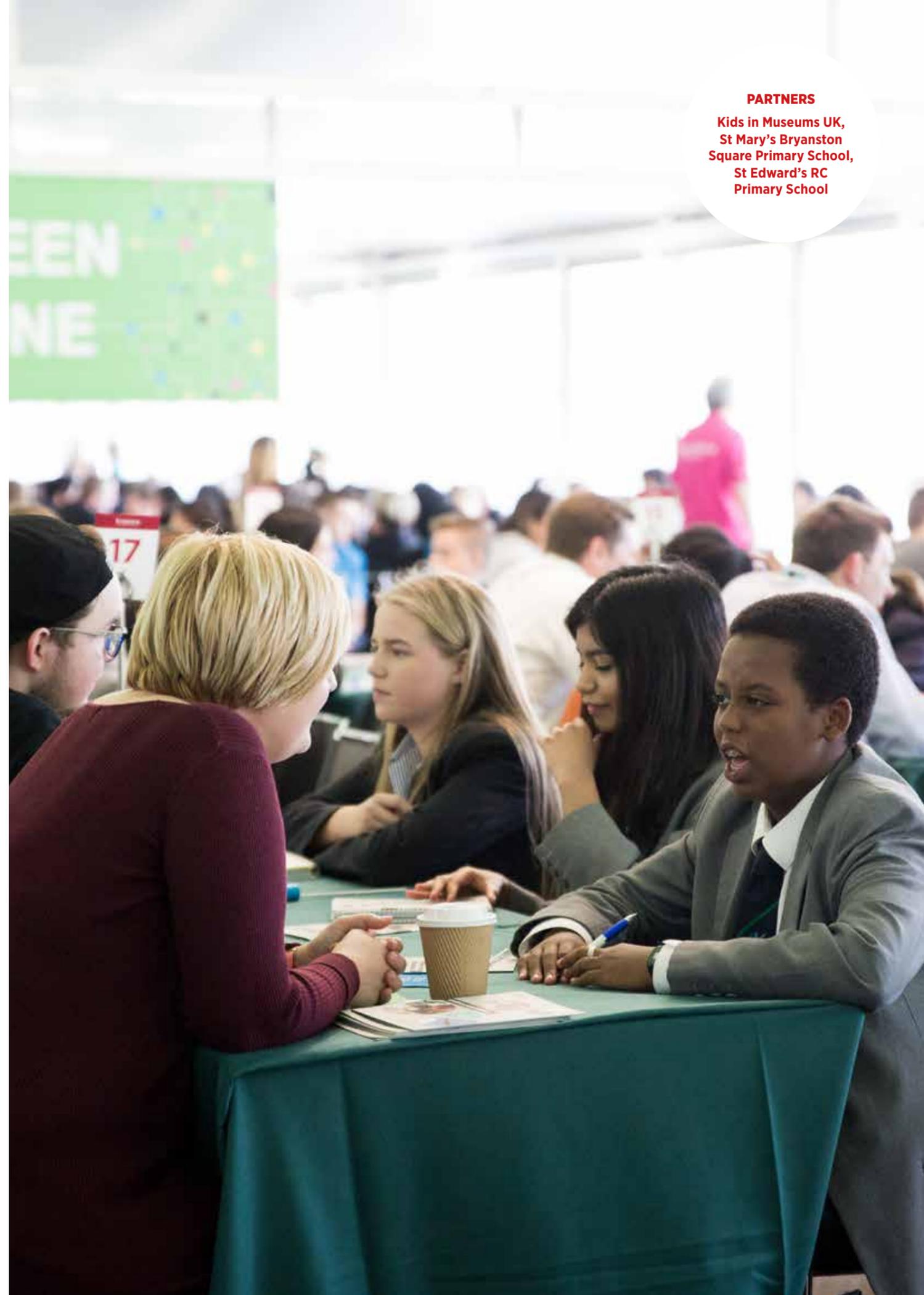
WHO WE REACHED

A variety of young people looking to gain further information about the career options available to them and enhance their employability skills

KEY STATISTICS

- 101 young people from The Challenge Network
- 250 young people attended the Explore Your Horizons: Speed Networking and Work Skills Event
- Over 100 young people were supported through school-based interventions

PARTNERS
Kids in Museums UK,
St Mary’s Bryanston
Square Primary School,
St Edward’s RC
Primary School



Perform Live

Young people were given an opportunity to showcase their musical talents to spectators during the Major Match days at Lord's Cricket Ground.

Those taking part included Jessie and Jake, singer-songwriters who were each looking to promote their material in front of a large crowd. Not only did this opportunity enable them to reach potential new fans but it also allowed them to develop as performers.

Every time I perform it makes me that little bit better, and it was no exception here. It helped me with my projection! It also helped with my nerves and how to deal with people coming up and asking you questions.

Jake

I decided to apply because it looked like an incredible opportunity to perform in front of a very varied crowd, as well as showcase what I do and be able to perform in a place that I've known about my whole life from my Grandpa being a member of MCC for as long as I can remember.

Jessie

I would definitely recommend other people to perform at Lord's because it a great opportunity to perform to a large number of people and gain experience and confidence in performing. Also the staff were lovely and helpful which made it easy to relax.

Jake

Jessie performed during the South Africa One-Day International as well as during the West Indies and South Africa Test Matches.

Jake performed during the Hampshire and Sussex T20 Blast matches as well as two days during the West Indies Test Match.



WHAT WE DID

Young musicians were invited to perform to a new audience before play and during the intervals at Major Matches held at Lord's Cricket Ground.

WHO WE REACHED

Amateur performers between 18-25 years old.

KEY STATISTICS

- 8 acts performing across 14 Major Match days
- Acts included 2 bands and 6 solo singers
- 7 participants



Supporting the Elderly



KEY PARTNERS

Middlesex Cricket
 Sporting Memories Network
 Living Well Cic
 NatWest Bank
 Age UK Brent, Age UK Harrow
 Carer Network
 CityWest Homes
 Open Age Westminster, Open Age Kensington & Chelsea
 Paddington Development Trust
 St John's Hospice
 Westminster City Council
 Westminster Dementia Action Alliance

As part of our community work we aim to empower isolated individuals within our community to access and enjoy activities at Lord's Cricket Ground.

On 21st May, local residents were invited to watch a Middlesex County Championship match to socialise and make new friends. In addition to watching the match, guests were invited to take part in cricket-based activities such as table cricket and walking cricket.

Sporting Memories Network supported the day's activities, delivering New Age Curling – a modern day version of the classic game. Guests were also offered match day vouchers enabling them to attend more matches for the remainder of the season. MCC Staff volunteers and Lord's Outfielders provided a welcoming hand and ensured that everybody enjoyed the day.

A delightful day at Lord's with the sun shining, people chatting over their picnics and knowledgeable cricket fans providing ball-by-ball commentary for the uninitiated amongst us!

Sue Ball Memories Match guest

On Sunday 1st October, Lord's hosted Silver Sunday in partnership with the City of Westminster. This event is part of a wider national initiative to increase participation in community activities amongst elderly people. Residents from Westminster and surrounding boroughs were able to enjoy a tour of Lord's, as well as a traditional afternoon tea.

Wet weather prevented an intergenerational cricket match from being played on the Nursery Ground, but the day proved to be a success nonetheless, thanks to the number of activities available around the Ground.



Support for people living with Dementia

As part of our ongoing commitment to being a Dementia-friendly club, we have continued to host monthly reminiscence sessions for people living with Dementia. In partnership with Sporting Memories Network, MCC staff and Members have been trained to plan and deliver themed sessions that encourage conversation with guests.

The MCC memories meetings are a welcoming space for people with a range of cognitive challenges to meet monthly, and to feel relaxed and welcome. The sessions are themed to maximise participation and are facilitated with energy and genuine enthusiasm by the volunteers.

Sporting Memories have enjoyed attending sessions and seeing the group build a sense of community, which ultimately helps to prevent loneliness and social isolation.

Rob White Sporting Memories Network



WHAT WE DID

We invited elderly residents to enjoy Lord's Cricket Ground in different capacities.

WHO WE REACHED

Local residents aged 50+

KEY STATISTICS

- 370 people from a range of community organisations were invited to the Memories Match
- 220 people attended Silver Sunday



WHAT WE DID

We held monthly reminiscence sessions for those living with Dementia as well as their carers.

WHO WE REACHED

179 people attend the sessions throughout the year

Christmas Carol Concert

Thank you so very much for today's carol service. It was simply brilliant - the choirs, both adult and schools, were fabulous. It was so exciting and a privilege to visit Lord's. It was very much appreciated and lifted my spirits to get a break for 2 hours.
Julia Westminster-Based Carer



WHAT WE DID

On 5th December, a Community Carol Concert in the Long Room at Lord's gave a warm start to the festive period within our local community. Guests included patients from St Johns Hospice and sporting reminiscence session attendees, as well as representatives from many of the organisations who have supported our community initiatives. The Church Street Community Choir led the service, which included performances from three local primary schools.

WHO WE REACHED

- Church Street Community Choir
- St Edward's RC Primary School
- St Vincent's RC Primary School
- St Mary of the Angels RC Primary School

KEY STATISTICS

- 265 adults
- 94 school children

Outfielders Match Day Volunteers



WHO WE REACHED
 Volunteers aged 18 years and above from London and surrounding areas



WHAT WE DID

We continued our Lord's Outfielders initiative, a match day volunteering programme which enables people from the local community to become involved in the major match experience at Lord's, as well as enhancing the visitor experience. Lord's Outfielders have various roles throughout major match days, including welcoming spectators, responding to queries and supporting those that require mobility assistance to and

from their seats. This year, almost three-quarters of volunteers were returning from previous seasons.

In addition to match days, the Outfielders were essential to the running of MCC Community events, including the Memories Match, School Engagement Days and our Guinness World Record Attempt. In total, an additional 201 hours of their time was donated to support these events.



KEY STATISTICS

117 match day volunteers including nine adult learners with special needs

30 new volunteers and 87 return volunteers

4593.50 hours across major match days

164 hours across community days (Memories Match, Silver Sunday, Guinness World Record attempt and School engagement day)

I've been lucky enough to volunteer at sporting events since 2012 and Lord's ranks very highly as one of my volunteering highlights. As Lord's Outfielders, we are definitely made to feel like an extension of the Lord's Community Team and we are appreciated and recognised for the work that we do by the wider team and Management at Lord's. Our roles are varied and no 2 days or games are the same as the needs and questions from our customers, the fans and the media are always varied.

I feel very proud and honoured to be part of the Lord's Outfielders at the Home of Cricket and that is the reason I come back each summer - to feel part of a diverse, enthusiastic and proactive group of people from all walks of life with the common aim of making the Lord's experience an unforgettable one every time.

Danielle Lord's Outfielder

I'd left my leadership role at Transport for London towards the end of 2016, and was missing the teamwork, and the opportunity to serve the public. As a regular cricket supporter I also wanted to give something back to the game, for all the pleasure it has given to me.

And now, as a volunteer, I've welcomed many visitors to the Home of Cricket, and helped them find their way around the Ground. I've supported mobility impaired people, enabling easier access to their match day seating. And I've worked as part of a great team, collaborating not just with fellow volunteers but with Stewards and the wider workforce.

It's been rewarding to work as a Volunteer Coordinator too. I have a lot of management experience, and I am glad to be able to use my skills in this area. It's given me a deeper understanding of how to help, and enabled me to get to know my new colleagues more quickly.

I look forward to continuing to volunteer in 2018.

Caroline Lord's Outfielder

Staff and Member Volunteering

Our capacity to reach all that have participated in our initiatives is due to the support from MCC Staff and Members.

20 Types of events

Across **31** dates



81 Staff and Members have volunteered

555 hours of volunteering



The Lord's Community Team put together some fantastic volunteering opportunities for staff to get involved with. Being able to give some time to helping the local community is something that I really appreciate being able to do. The events are really well organised and really do make a difference

Oliver Humphrey
Commercial Partnerships Executive

Staff helping out on Spirit of Cricket Day

I have been involved in a variety of Community Projects in 2017 and found each incredibly rewarding and eye opening. From chaperoning children on Spirit of cricket day and a special Guinness World Record attempt day to sleeping rough with the CEO sleep out - I have loved having a variety of opportunities to help the wider community. Lord's is a place like no other. Having days in which children - who would not normally have the opportunity - are invited to experience such a special place first hand is invaluable. Similarly, to play host to a sleep out that raised a huge amount of money for those who desperately need it is life changing. A huge thank you must go to the Community programme for making these events happen. The programme galvanises M.C.C. into making a real difference in the local and wider community through the incredible resource that is Lord's.

Archie When Cricket Office Administrator

Since starting at Lord's I have been volunteering with the reminiscence sessions which run monthly, helping local elderly people who suffer with dementia. I was made to feel very welcome by the community team and other volunteers, and look forward to the sessions all month. Working in the commercial team, it is great to see that the money which comes in to the club is also re-directed into the local community.

Taking part in volunteering projects adds to my overall experience of working for the MCC, and makes me feel part of something which is having an impact. I've met a lot of staff through this project that I may never have spoken to otherwise. Overall, I'd recommend it to everyone.

Sarah Greenwood Meetings & Events Sales Executive





KEEPING LORD'S WORLD CLASS

Marylebone Cricket Club, Lord's Ground, London, NW8 8QN