

2025 IMPACT REPORT



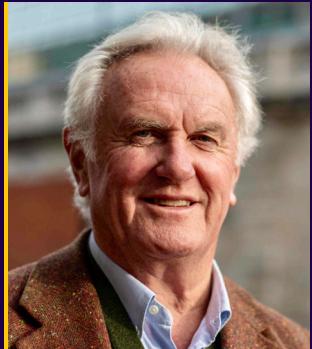
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FROM THE CHAIR

The MCC Foundation exists to open up cricket for all. Our purpose is simple but ambitious: to provide opportunities for young people in all corners of the world to play, learn, and thrive through cricket. We do this by supporting talent from state schools and under represented communities, both in the UK and overseas, fostering personal and social development, and harnessing cricket's unique power to bring people together.

This work is only possible because of the generosity and trust of our donors, partners, and supporters. Your belief in the Foundation's mission allows us to invest in young people, to form strong and responsible partnerships, and to grow with purpose.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I would like to thank you for your continued support and commitment. Together, we are ensuring that cricket remains a force for opportunity, inclusion, and unity – and that its benefits are felt by those who need them most.

Philip Marsden MBE

Chair of Trustees, MCC Foundation

FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear friends and supporters,

The MCC Foundation had an exceptional year in 2025. It was a year defined by growth – in our reach, in our ambition, and in the depth of our impact – and by the strength of the partnerships that make our work possible. We have continued to open doors to cricket for young people who might otherwise never have had the opportunity to step onto the outfield, ensuring that the experiences we offer are of the highest quality and rooted in purpose, inclusion, and long-term impact.

*Every activity we work on, wherever it is, comes under one of our four core projects: **National Hub Programme; the Barclays Knight-Stokes Cup; the Female Coaching Scholarship Programme; and Cricket Unites.***

Our work has been significantly strengthened through partnerships with the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) and Barclays, the latter of which announced the start of a multi-year partnership with MCC in early 2025, and have pledged to provide financial support with a significant annual donation to MCF for the duration of the partnership. This support has enabled us not only to reach more state-educated young people in the UK, but to do so in a way that is sustainable, strategic, and aligned with the wider cricket landscape. Alongside this, our international work with delivery partner Cricket Without Boundaries has grown both in scale and in confidence.

With the support of our partners, we have taken important steps to formalise and expand our global ambitions, ensuring that cricket is used as a powerful tool for positive social change in communities around the world – from supporting displaced and refugee communities, to investing in grassroots coaching and leadership where it is needed most.

We look ahead to our major projects in 2026 with immense optimism. I am hugely grateful for the faith you place in the Foundation. Finally, I am hugely grateful to MCC for all the support they give in so many ways, enabling the Foundation to grow and thrive. I hope this report gives you a clear sense of the progress we have made and the exciting work to come.

Angus Berry

Chief Executive Officer

FROM OUR PARTNERS

"Through one of the largest annual donations to the Foundation, we're enabling the expansion of the Hub Programme from 124 sites to 200 by 2026, giving state-educated children free access to coaching and match play each year. We're also delighted to support the National Hubs Competition and the new Barclays Knight-Stokes Cup - the first national hard-ball competition for state secondary schools. This landmark initiative has already seen over 1,100 teams from 820 schools enter, giving boys and girls the chance to compete at every level, with the ultimate prize of playing the finals at Lord's in September. It's a fantastic way to open doors for more young people to experience cricket and we're delighted to be working alongside our partners at the Foundation to grow the game at grassroots level."

TOM CORBETT,

Managing Director of Sponsorship and Client Experience, Barclays



"We are proud to work with the MCC Foundation as one of our Official Charity Partners. Their work is strategically important in the delivery of our Talent Pathway Action Plan - the Hub network directly addresses the need to diversify cricket's Talent Pathway and improve state school representation. With hundreds of Hubs operating across England and Wales, the MCC Foundation will help cricket to build a more inclusive, sustainable and representative talent system for the future."

KATE ALDRIDGE,

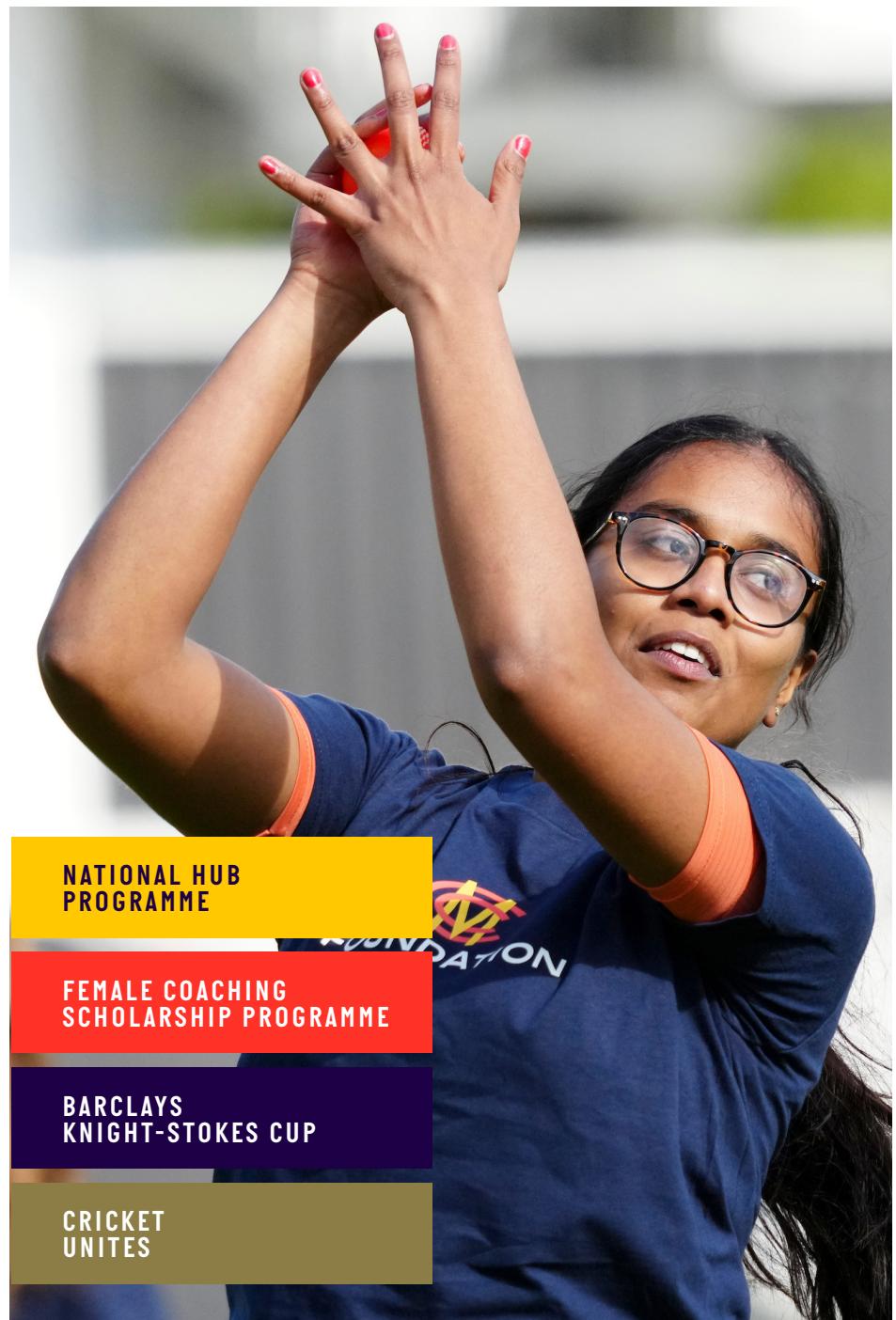
ECB Director of Business and Operations & EDI



"Working in partnership with the MCC Foundation has been a real privilege. Together, we're helping to grow the routes into the Talent Pathway, broadening and deepening our talent pool, and creating more opportunities for state-educated children to be seen, supported and developed."

JAIME NEWELL,

ECB Talent Pathway Inclusion Officer



NATIONAL HUB PROGRAMME

5,544 PARTICIPANTS, 164 HUBS


1,957
of our participants
in 2025 were female


37%
increase in the number
of female participants
compared to 2024


34%
representation from
24 ethnicities

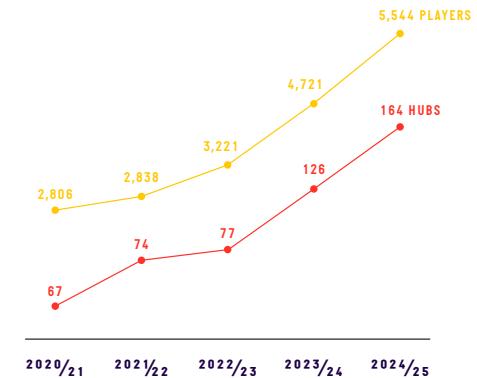

231
participants to have progressed
County Age Group representation
(137 girls, 94 boys)



IMPACT 2025

Through our new partnership with Barclays, we have been able to continue the expansion of our MCC Foundation's National Hubs programme, with 164 Hubs offering free coaching and match play for over 5,500 state-educated cricketers in 2025.

Every participant benefits from greater physical and social engagement, using cricket to be active and make friends. More than this, the Hubs programme offers talented cricketers greater opportunities to develop their skills and enter the talent pathway, realising their potential to build a life and a career in cricket.



AN IMPACT EVALUATION OF THE MCC FOUNDATION'S NATIONAL HUB PROGRAMME, 2025

Independent evaluation confirms that the MCC Foundation's Hubs deliver far more than cricket coaching – they build confidence, belonging and future aspiration for young people from state-school and under-represented backgrounds.

Dr. Ed Cope | Dr. Ali Bowes | Dr. Robert Boot



80%

Girls recorded greater improvements
than boys across nearly four out of
five measured outcomes



9 / 10

Young people reported feeling liked,
supported and included in cricket –
scoring up to 9/10 post-programme



NATIONAL HUBS COMPETITION 2025

After 20 weeks of competition between 5,500 schoolchildren, across 164 sites, the MCCF National Hubs Competition concluded at Lord's in September. Guildford and York were worthy winners of the girls' and boys' under-16s tournaments respectively.

It was a great campaign for the York Hub as both its boys' and girls' teams reached the Finals Day at Lord's. In the day's first fixture, the York Girls were defeated by the reigning champions, Guildford Girls, by just four runs in a thriller, before York Boys were victorious over Leyton Boys by 11 runs. With both finals coming to exciting finishes in front of approximately 1,000 spectators, the day was a resounding success and a memorable one for every player, parent, coach and supporter present.

Guildford's victory, their third title, was not without drama. As well as defeating York by four runs in the Final, the Hub only just got over the line in their quarter-final against Southampton, Orlaith Coughlan hitting the winning boundary to seal victory by two wickets with just two balls to spare. Chloe Thornton was a standout performer in York's journey to Lord's, scoring 55 against Newcastle and 89 against Shropshire in the quarter-final and semi-final respectively.

There was great dedication in the Boys' competition, where Aberdeen Hub travelled over 300 miles to compete in their Round 2 fixtures, while the performances of 88 Hub participants in the North have earned them places in County Age-Group squads.

The under-14 Boys' final and Girls' Invitational XI matches took place on the Nursery Ground. Kent West beat Nottingham by 46 runs in the Boys' final, a result made all the more impressive by the fact that this was the first year of the Hubs programme in Kent. One of our smaller Hubs - Cirencester - did fantastically well to reach the quarter-finals. In the Girls' invitational fixture, the players from the South defeated their counterparts from the North by 58 runs.

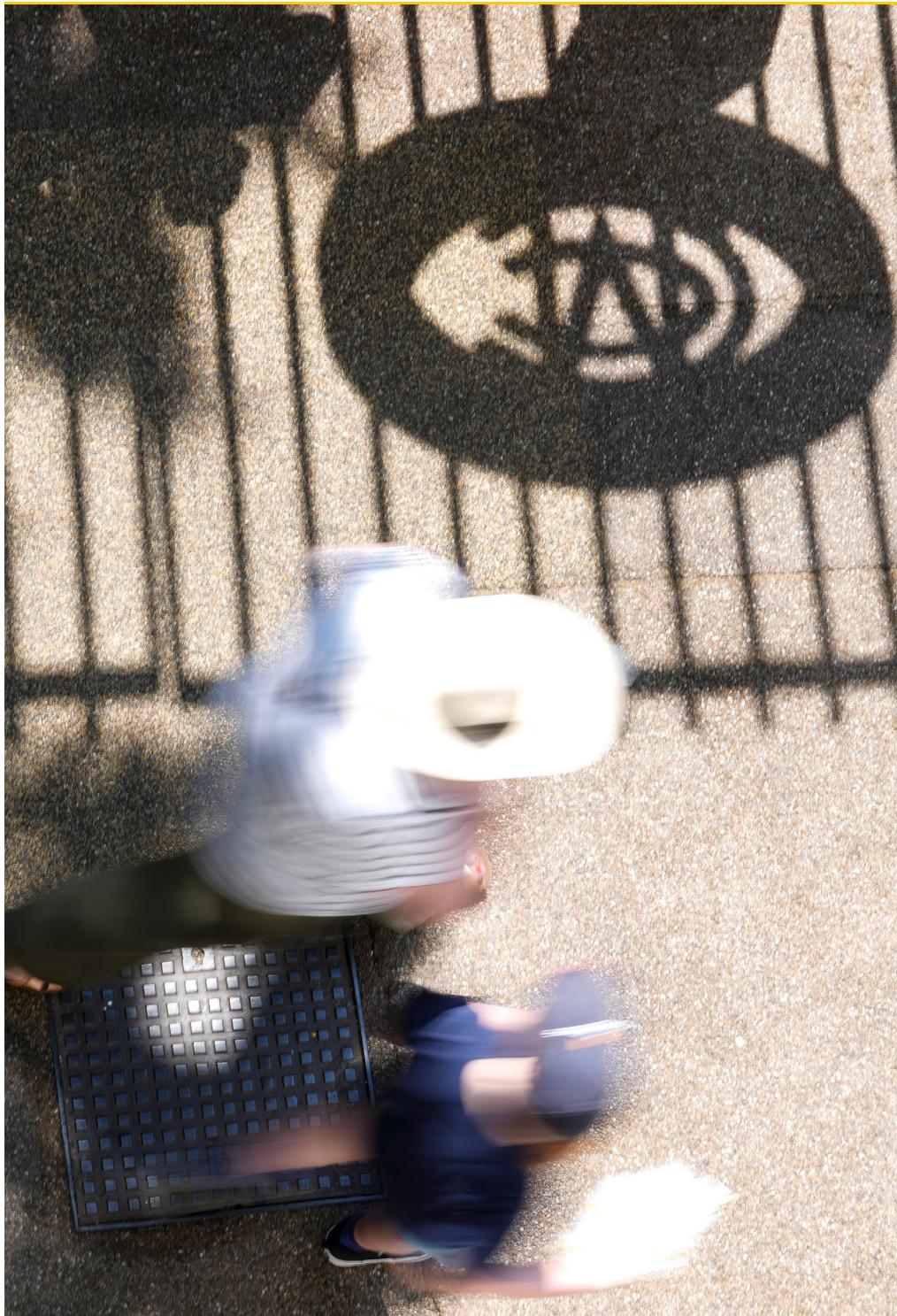
RICHARD HUDSON

Bucks Cricket CEO

"The MCC Foundation Hubs have been fantastic for Buckinghamshire, supporting our strategy to boost support for state school cricketers in the county. We've run eight squads - boys and girls at under-14 and under-17 level - at both Milton Keynes and South Bucks Hubs to maximise accessibility for all participants. We've had great commitment from the young cricketers, who have enjoyed being part of a national framework through MCCF, not just a bolt-on to programmes in Bucks."

We have fully integrated the Hubs as part of the Bucks Cricket County Pathway, with the same coaches delivering the Hub sessions as the County squads. That has paid dividends for the players - with seven boys and eight girls from 2025 MCCF Hubs having now been selected into 2026 County Age Group squads."





MCCF HONOURS BOARD 2025

MITHUL TANISETTY
5 - 5 - South Bucks U14s Boys

OLIVER BAVERSTOCK
5 - 8 - Cirencester U14s Boys

SIDDHANTH GUPTA
5 - 17 - Guildford U14 Boys

HARRISON GRUBB
102 - South Central U16 Boys

SAM COBB
101* - Somerset U16 Boys

TAIMOOR SHAH
102 - Southampton U16 Boys

RANVEER DANGI
114 - London U16 Boys

CHARLIE POULTER
151 - East U14s Boys

DHARMIK PATEL
100* - North West U16 Boys

DINUKA ATHAPATHTHU
5 - 20 - South-Central U16 Boys

HOLLY KITSON
6 - 22 - South-Central U16 Girls

LEXIE HAMPTON
5 - 40 - South-West U16 Girls

SIMRAN VERMA
5 - 15 - London U16 Girls

BHAVYA PATEL
5 - 6 - North-West U16 Girls

MILLIE EVANS
7 - 6 - Bristol U16 Girls

MANA CHOWDHURY
108* - Midlands U16 Boys



TALENT PATHWAY

After the programme of winter coaching sessions, we provide additional opportunities to the most talented players at under-16 level through a regional programme, with Hub participants entering from six regions across the UK.

These regional squads received a week of intensive training, culminating in match play against one another as well as matches against MCC teams. In 2025, the boys' regional competition was won by the South West. The girls' inter-regional fixtures took place at Oundle School in August, as part of a residential festival - a first for the Foundation. In the inaugural edition of the Clare Connor Cup (named after MCCF's Patron), the North East were crowned champions after three days of competitive cricket.

A similar regional programme for a younger age group was piloted with match play against the counties within their region.

As an indication of the calibre of players in the Hub Programme, we were delighted that 34 players have subsequently been selected for a county squad, beginning their development towards professional cricket.

AVA PIKE – SOUTH WEST GIRLS

Ava originally attended our Wiltshire Hub, and subsequently joined the South West pathway programme. She was the leading run-scorer in the Clare Connor Cup and has since been selected for Somerset's squad, and will tour Sri Lanka with the county in February.

"Just making contact to let you know Ava has been selected for Somerset under 16s pathway - she is absolutely thrilled and wanted me to reach out to you all to say thank you for all your support over the summer. The MCCF experience this summer and winter really boosted her confidence and playing ability, with some life memories made from the festivals you have organised."

Ava's Dad

MATTHEW GARBETT – SOUTH WEST BOYS

Matthew was part of our Wiltshire Hub, and represented the South West region. He went on to be a key performer with bat and ball, helping his side win the inter-regional competition. He is now a member of Worcestershire's under-18 squad.

"Some of the cricket the group got to experience was great. Outside of the regional competition, they also played against Namibia U16s, a South African Academy team and an MCC side amongst others"

Matthew's Dad



FEMALE COACHING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME



18
Graduated from first
year of the programme



53
ECB coaching
qualifications completed



140+ HOURS
of mentoring
support provided



FUNDED BY THE NEVILLE ABRAHAM FOUNDATION

The Female Coaching Scholarship Programme supports girls aged 16 to 18 from our Hub network. Graduates develop the skills, confidence, and qualifications needed to pursue a coaching career and help to support the growth of women and girls' cricket in their local communities. Alongside strengthening the career pathways of Hub participants, the programme directly addresses the under representation of female cricket coaches in the UK.

Participants receive a comprehensive package of support, including formal coaching qualifications, hands-on experience through Hub and club volunteering, one-to-one mentoring, tailored individual support, and access to professional development opportunities.

In 2025, all 18 candidates graduated from Cohort 1, completing two years as the pilot group for the programme. Cohort 2, comprising 31 candidates, progressed into its second year, while a further 30 candidates were recruited into Cohort 3 by year-end.

Across the year, Cohorts 1 and 2 contributed over 500 volunteer hours across 27 Girls Hubs nationwide. During the summer, both cohorts came together for residential training events, completing coaching qualifications and engaging in continued professional development workshops.



D A I S I E

Cohort 1 member Daisie graduated from the Coaching Scholarship Programme in 2025 after contributing 57 volunteer hours at the Worksop Girls Hub. Through her coaching at the Hub, Daisie reported a significant boost in confidence, translating directly into her wider coaching practice.

In recognition of her outstanding commitment, she was awarded Nottinghamshire's 'Game Changer' Cricket Collective Award in 2025 for her volunteering across the Worksop Girls Hub and her club. As a direct outcome of the programme, Daisie has since secured paid coaching roles within Nottinghamshire community programmes.



B E R R Y

Berry volunteered at the Hull Girls Hub, Hessle CC and girls' County Age Group programmes at Yorkshire in 2025 to gain experience in her pursuit of a career in coaching. She was the first candidate on the programme to undertake a paid coaching role with the MCCF as she became one of the coaches for the North-East Girls Regional Springboard programme in the summer. Berry will be returning to the Hull Girls Hub as a paid coach in 2026.





SARAH TAYLOR
England Lions Coach

UPPINGHAM SCHOOL RESIDENTIAL AUGUST 2025

Over the course of one sunny week in August, participants in Cohorts 1 and 2 came to Uppingham School, each for a three-day residential, which included a series of technical and tactical coaching and professional development workshops.

These workshops included:

- Scenario-based activities developing observation as a core coaching skill, alongside an understanding of the technical, tactical, physical and mental aspects of the game
- Practical sessions on modern batting shots (including ramps and scoops), supporting coaches to confidently teach skills often seen at the elite level
- Mock assessments providing constructive feedback on coaching delivery
- Professional development workshops on networking and use of LinkedIn

Candidates discussed their coaching progress over the past year and their plans for the next academic year - some are going to the same university and will benefit from a pre-existing association on the campus.

During the same week, 26 candidates from Cohort 2 completed the ECB Foundation Coach course. In collaboration with the ECB Coach Development team, this course piloted a new delivery structure, with additional workshops to enhance learning opportunities. The course was led by Sara Begg, one of the ECB's National Coach Developers, and supported by five other female Coach Developers.

The week ended in celebration for the graduating Cohort 1 candidates. Families were invited to join the presentations and refreshments were on hand to mark the hard work, commitment and success of these candidates. Each candidate was presented with a trophy and certificate to commemorate their time on the Female Coaching Scholarship Programme, and details about the new Alumnae Network were shared.

BARCLAYS KNIGHT-STOKES CUP



BARCLAYS KNIGHT-STOKES CUP LAUNCH

The Barclays Knight-Stokes Cup, named after two of England's greatest state-educated cricketers, aims to inspire state schools to develop boys' and girls' teams and drive state school participation in hard-ball cricket. Supported by Barclays and The Black Heart Foundation, it is the UK's first national hard-ball state secondary school competition.

The inaugural edition of the Barclays Knight-Stokes Cup will begin at the start of the summer term in 2026. It will start with local county competitions with winners progressing to national rounds before a boys' and girls' final at Lord's Cricket Ground on 10 September 2026.

The competition is the brainchild of Michael Vaughan, who played cricket at Silverdale Comprehensive School in Sheffield, and MCC Chair Mark Nicholas, who co-founded Chance to Shine which delivers cricket opportunities in state primary and secondary schools. Heather Knight and Ben Stokes have pledged their support and are keen advocates for improving opportunities for state-educated cricketers.

Entries for the competition opened at Lord's in June 2025, with significant media interest, including TV appearances on BBC Breakfast, which was viewed by millions of people. Twelve state secondary schools from across the country took part in hard-ball cricket activities on the Main Ground at Lord's and in its indoor facilities.

The initiative has been welcomed by ECB, county cricket boards, foundations and key charitable partners around the country, many of whom were involved in the launch presentation.



1,150 TEAMS

have entered the Barclays Knight-Stokes Cup



820

More than 800 secondary state schools across the UK have signed up



35%

More than 400 girls' teams have signed up



BARCLAYS, BLACK HEART FOUNDATION, GRAY NICOLLS

The Barclays Knight-Stokes Cup would not be possible without the financial support of several organisations. We are thankful to the Black Heart Foundation, particularly their trustee Michael Vaughan and their founder Ric Lewis, without whose initial financial support, the competition would not have got off the ground. We are also grateful to Barclays who will fund this initiative further, demonstrating their commitment to grassroots sport and local communities.

One of the primary barriers to increased engagement in state school cricket is access to affordable kit. We are delighted that leading cricket brand Gray-Nicolls has kindly provided match balls for every fixture in the competition, as well as offering discounted cricket equipment to every competing school. Further kit discounts have also been offered by other suppliers including Newbery, Icon Sports, Net World Sports, Sharks Cricket and Reequip as well as Hunts County and V-Sports. Maiden Cricket, which offers bespoke cricket kit for women and girls, has also pledged discounts to make access to kit for schools more affordable.



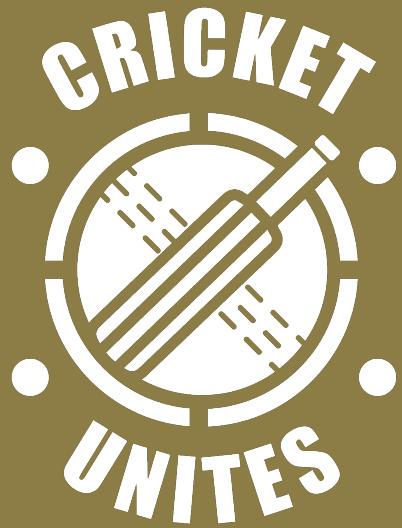
THE BLACK HEART FOUNDATION



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WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE SUPPORT OF ALL THESE ORGANISATIONS.





CRICKET UNITES

Cricket Unites is the MCC Foundation's global framework for using cricket to bring people together, strengthen communities, and create positive opportunities for young people facing disadvantage around the world. Launched formally in 2025, it represents a significant step forward in how we deliver, support, and scale our international work.

At its core, Cricket Unites recognises cricket's unique ability as one of the world's most popular sports to transcend borders, cultures and circumstances. Through safe, inclusive, and high-quality programmes, Cricket Unites helps young people to develop confidence, leadership, life skills, and a sense of belonging—whether they are growing up in under-represented communities, affected by displacement, or facing barriers to participation because of gender, poverty or social exclusion.

A defining feature of Cricket Unites is partnership. In 2025, the programme formally embedded our long-standing collaboration with Cricket Without Boundaries, alongside trusted local delivery partners who bring deep contextual knowledge and community credibility. This partnership model allows the MCC Foundation to combine global expertise with local leadership – ensuring programmes are relevant, sustainable, and genuinely rooted in the communities they serve.

As we look ahead, Cricket Unites gives us a powerful platform for growth. It enables us to scale impact responsibly, deepen learning across countries, and strengthen our ability to demonstrate the personal, social, and community benefits of cricket.

Every day, somewhere in the world, a cricket project is taking place with the support of the MCC Foundation.

WHAT WE HAVE DELIVERED:

In 2025, across the world the MCC Foundation supported the delivery of:

6,400+
CRICKET
SESSIONS

1,140
HOURS OF
COACHING

250,000
PROGRAMME
ATTENDANCE

Every day of the year, an average of 700 young people benefit from an MCC Foundation international programme. Longstanding projects in Rwanda, Uganda, Kenya, Nepal, and Lebanon continue to deliver highly impactful programmes, providing life-changing opportunities for young people.



RWANDA

PARTICIPATION IN 2025:

50,000+ attendances across schools, community hubs and refugee settings, with near-gender parity maintained throughout the year.

FOCUS:

Combining broad participation with clear development pathways. Delivery across hubs including Kayonza, Nyamata, Ndera and Mahama provided regular training, competition and school outreach for thousands of young people.

ACTIVITY:

The national Seruka competitions acted as a key progression point, with players moving into representative squads and development camps. In Mahama Refugee Camp, cricket continued to offer safe, structured activity alongside life-skills education, HIV awareness and educational support.



UGANDA

PARTICIPATION IN 2025:

55,000+ attendances, with girls representing over half of participants across school and community programmes.

FOCUS:

Expanding both reach and depth, with hubs in Gulu, Jinja, Lira and Masindi delivering consistent school and community-based cricket. Gulu emerged as a regional centre, hosting national girls' school competitions and strengthening access through new community facilities.

ACTIVITY:

Cricket+ initiatives were embedded throughout delivery, including HIV awareness, life-skills education and the launch of Playing with Confidence, addressing menstruation and girls' participation in sport.



KENYA

PARTICIPATION IN 2025:

60,000+ attendances delivered through four major hubs, with balanced participation between girls and boys.

FOCUS:

Maintaining well-established hubs in Nairobi, Kisumu, Muranga and Nakuru delivering year-round coaching, competition and community engagement.

ACTIVITY:

Cricket+ remained central to delivery, including HIV testing and counselling, deaf cricket, environmental initiatives and leadership opportunities for young people.



NEPAL

PARTICIPATION IN 2025:

45,000+ attendances across Koshi and Madhesh Provinces, with girls and young women central to delivery.

FOCUS:

Using cricket as a platform for social change, with a strong focus on girls' participation and leadership in the face of significant disruption caused by political unrest.

ACTIVITY:

Reorganising competitions and sustaining participation. Cricket was used to address gender-based violence, menstruation dignity and life-skills development.



LEBANON

PARTICIPATION IN 2025:

In 2025, this project supported approximately 180 children drawn from 20 cricket hubs serving 740-760 young people across Beirut and the Bekaa Valley. All participants are refugees living in encampments, where access to education and structured sport would otherwise be extremely limited.

FOCUS:

Delivered in partnership with Alsama Project, the project uses cricket as a tool for education, inclusion, and wellbeing. It prioritises regular, high-quality coaching; safe access to facilities and transport; and clear progression for boys and girls ready to move into more advanced formats of the game.

ACTIVITY:

Through a year-round programme delivered with Alsama Project, participants receive structured coaching led by one qualified coach and supported by junior assistants, with regular weekly sessions, equipment for training and matches, and safe access to facilities. Young people compete in the bi-annual Alsama Cricket Championship League and play additional fixtures against expatriate community teams, alongside shared international match-watching sessions that build understanding and connection to the global game.

FURTHER HIGHLIGHTS OF 2025 INCLUDE:

- *The first official Alsama T20 hard-ball tournament, featuring international teams and a landmark victory for the Alsama men's side against Sri Lanka*
- *A mid-year mixed championship involving more than 550 players*
- *The largest soft-ball championship in Alsama's history, bringing together 1,000 students and 100 staff from across all hubs*
- *13 players entered a Leadership Training Programme, progressing towards assistant coaching and ICC certification.*
- *Two players became MCC Young Ambassadors.*



INDIA

A new Cricket Unites pilot in India has been launched, establishing a pioneering girls' cricket and life-skills programme in Mumbai and Pune in partnership with Cricket Without Boundaries, The Right Pitch, the OSCAR Foundation and Barclays.

Focused on girls aged 10-18 from undeserved communities, the initiative combines weekly school-based sessions, hub-level progression for talented players, coach education grounded in Positive Youth Development, and high-profile soft-ball and hard-ball festivals to create safe, inclusive pathways into the game.

By training local coaches, embedding safeguarding and life-skills education, and showcasing girls competing in visible community events, this landmark programme marks a major step forward in tackling gender barriers in grassroots cricket and building a sustainable pipeline of female players, leaders and role models across India.





BRAZIL

A new partnership between MCCF, Cricket Brasil and Cricket Without Boundaries began in April 2025. The collaboration aims to establish community cricket hubs across Brazil, focusing on unearthing talent, fostering inclusive participation, and using cricket as a platform for social change.

Together with the MCC Foundation, MCC's men's and women's teams toured Brazil in October 2025, the first time MCC has toured with both squads simultaneously. The tour was a great success, with both teams playing seven matches each and leading coaching sessions to aid the development of cricket in the country.

In a true carnival of cricket, the players coached 600 children from underprivileged backgrounds in Poços de Caldas, one of the main centres for cricket in the country which is home to the Cricket Brasil High Performance Centre. All participants are benefitting from Cricket Unites: Brazil, a collaboration between MCCF Cricket Brasil and Cricket Without Boundaries.



GLOBAL REFUGEE CRICKET FUND

MCC Foundation together with Marylebone Cricket Club proudly launched the Global Refugee Cricket Fund—a bold initiative designed to extend the Foundation's work using cricket as a force for unity, dignity, and opportunity for displaced communities around the world.

The Fund strengthens existing refugee programmes while creating new global pathways of support. Its initial focus has been on Afghan refugees, responding to the urgent needs of players displaced following the banning of women's cricket in Afghanistan. In its first campaign, the Fund supported Pitch Our Future, an Australian-led programme empowering players from the Afghanistan women's cricket team who with the resurgence of the Taliban, were forced to flee to countries including Australia, Canada, and the UK. Through access to safe training environments, education, and wellbeing support, the programme has enabled players to continue their cricketing journeys –and, critically, to remain visible on the world stage.

In 2025, we supported the Afghan women's cricket team to attend the ICC Women's World Cup in India, using the platform to advocate for women's rights, inspire displaced communities, and reaffirm cricket's power to amplify voices that might otherwise be silenced.

Looking ahead, the Global Refugee Cricket Fund will broaden its reach—supporting refugee cricket programmes across multiple regions, investing in grassroots access, leadership, and safe participation, and ensuring that refugees everywhere can play, learn, and thrive through the game.



FUNDRAISING 2025

We were delighted to welcome Barclays as a major multi-year sponsor for the MCC Foundation, connected to their principal partnership of Lord's. Barclays has generously committed to supporting our National Hubs Programme, the Barclays Knight-Stokes Cup and our newest Cricket Unites projects in Mumbai and Pune.

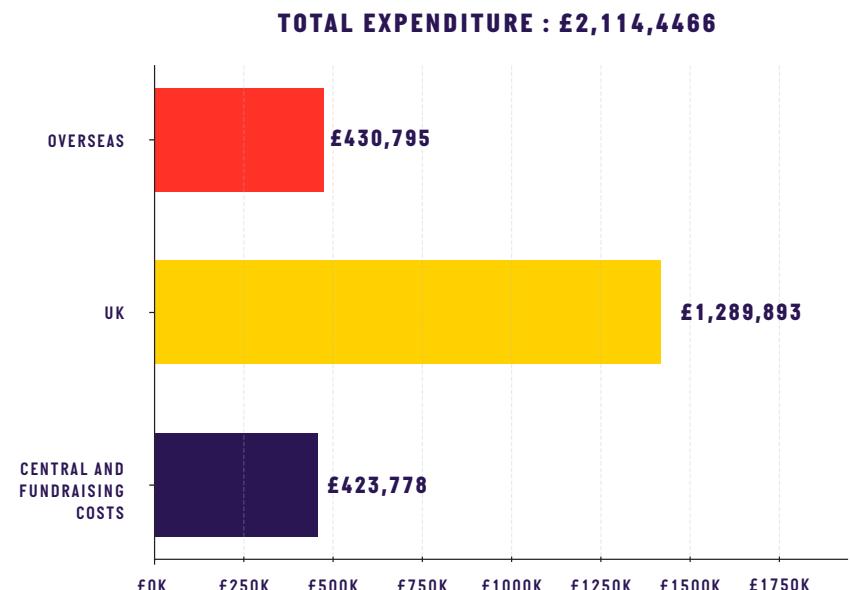
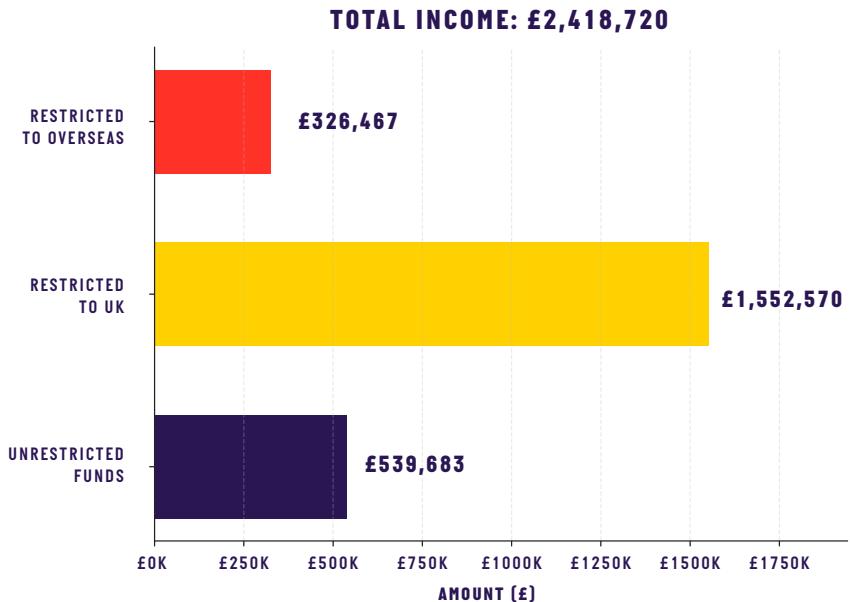
ECB has also confirmed their annual contribution until 2028, providing us with the financial security to plan our future Hub projects. This complements the contribution also made by MCC.

MCC President Ed Smith was our guest speaker at a Foundation dinner in October where we welcomed current and potential major supporters of our work. Ed spoke eloquently about the vital role the sport can play as an antidote to the mass adoption of smartphones amongst young people and the associated mental health crisis that is unfolding. The work of the MCC Foundation in giving all boys and girls the opportunity to play cricket and to promote physical and mental wellbeing has never been more important and we look forward to working with Ed during his tenure as MCC President to achieve the greatest impact.

The Big Give Christmas Challenge 2025 was our most successful to date, raising over £110,000 for our UK and international projects through matched donations from a wide range of supporters.

In addition, we have welcomed several new and significant donors to the Foundation this year, along with increased funding for our projects in Nepal, Rwanda and Uganda. As the Foundation continues to grow, we are looking forward to extending our support base in 2026 through the creation of a new Development Board and we remain extremely grateful to our longstanding donors, without whom we could not continue to achieve all that we do in the UK and internationally.

ACCOUNTS



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JANUARY - MARCH

Over 200 Hubs conduct winter coaching courses around the UK

APRIL

Visit to India to celebrate Cricket Unites: India, with MCC, Barclays and the British High Commission

APRIL

Start of the Barclays Knight-Stokes Cup

JUNE

World Refugee Day

JULY

MCCF National Hubs Competition begins

AUGUST

Female Coaching Scholarship Programme Residential

AUGUST

Sureka Competition (Rwanda)

SEPTEMBER

MCCF Hubs National Hubs Final

SEPTEMBER

Barclays Knight-Stokes Cup Final

DECEMBER

Big Give Christmas Challenge



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