

newsletter



NATWEST LAUNCH NATWEST CRICKETFORCE FUNDRAISER TO THE MEDIA AND THEIR FINANCIAL GUIDE FOR CRICKET CLUBS



Last week saw Michael Vaughan officially launch the first NatWest CricketForce Fundraiser weekend to local and national media. At the event he signed 100 cricket bats for clubs to use for their fundraising events on the August Bank Holiday weekend, so look out for the postman; if you were one of the first 100 clubs to register then a signed cricket bat is on it's way to you!

Win an England player appearance for your club!

As part of the weekend, we are also giving you the chance to win a visit from a current England player at your club. To secure the once in a lifetime visit, register your event and tell us in 200 words what you're doing at your club during the

August Bank Holiday weekend and why you should win. To enter, simply email natwestcricketforce@ecb.co.uk before 5.00pm on 20th August and if you win we'll work with you to arrange the visit. Terms and conditions apply. Please visit www.ecb.co.uk/natwestcricketforce for full details.

To coincide with the launch of the NatWest CricketForce Fundraiser, NatWest have produced a funding guide for clubs called the 'NatWest Cricket Club Guide' to help cricket clubs with impartial financial guidance through its MoneySense programme. This guide builds on the success of MoneySense for Schools, which has provided financial education in the classroom to over 1 million children since 2005.

This guide has been produced to provide everyone from Chairmen to Treasurers, Volunteer Coordinators to Sponsorship Committees – and every member, parent and player in between – with practical, inspiring and informative guidance that will help you manage and boost your club's finances.

This guide is now available to view and download from www.natwest.com/cricket on the NatWest CricketForce page.

If you have any questions about the Cricket Club Guide or the NatWest CricketForce Fundraiser please email us at natwestcricketforce@ecb.co.uk.

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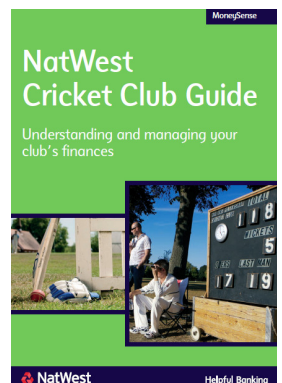
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NATWEST COMMUNITY FUND

Nominations are open for the NatWest Community Fund which aims to support local charities and projects across England & Wales as part of the NatWest Customer Charter's community commitments. Both customers and non-customers of NatWest can nominate a local charity or project, including cricket clubs, by submitting their nomination either online or through a local branch. In 2010, there is a £1.9m fund which is being split into 380 smaller funds of £5k for local communities, but **you only have until 20 August to nominate, so don't delay.**

The money awarded from the Community Fund must be used to benefit the local community. The money cannot be used to pay the bills of a charity or project. The charity/project will have to provide details of how the money will be used if they are shortlisted. Additionally evidence of how the money has been spent will need to be provided after the awards have been made.



For more information visit natwest.com/communityfund



**NEW FOR
2011**



Weaver Flooring has signed up an Official Supporter of NatWest CricketForce and are offering clubs, players and sponsors flooring at wholesale prices. Meaning that everyone associated with your cricket club can benefit from their great offers.

Flooring materials are available for the following areas of your pavilion or home:

- All communal areas
- Kitchen
- Bar areas
- Entrance/Foyer
- Shower areas
- Changing rooms
- Toilets
- Lounge or bedroom

For more information on the products and services Weaver are offering go to www.ecb.co.uk/natwestcricketforce and click on the Official Supporters link.



BUSINESS IS BOOMING FOR STUART CANVAS



Stuart Canvas Products has been an Official Supporter of NatWest CricketForce for over a year now and in that time has been offering registered clubs great discounts off their range of cricket covers and boundary ropes.

Stuart Canvas has now supplied NWCF registered clubs with 23 flat sheet covers and/or bowlers run up covers and two mobile net cages.

Since being founded in 1979, Stuart Canvas has developed innovative products to help combat both rain and frost and have become pioneers in weather protection systems.

See below for some of Stuart Canvas' fantastic offers that your club could be taking advantage of:

Protech flat sheet cover

RRP = £750

NWCF price with a 10% discount = £675

220mmx24mm Boundary Rope

RRP = £210

NWCF price with 10% discount = £185

For more information on Stuart Canvas and their fantastic offers go to www.ecb.co.uk/natwestcricketforce



DON'T FORGET TO KEEP THINKING GREEN!!

Climate change is very prominent in the news today and everyone is keen to 'Go Green' to try and help the environment and reduce the effects of global warming. By saving energy you're not only helping the environment but also saving money, money that cricket clubs can use to better effect elsewhere. We have put together a few small tips to encourage you to make small changes that could make a big difference

- Set your thermostat a few degrees lower in the winter and a few degrees higher in the summer to save on heating and cooling costs
- Install compact fluorescent light bulbs when your older incandescent bulbs burn out
- Unplug your appliances when you're not using them and remember not to leave the TV on standby at night or when you leave the house
- Wash clothes in cold/cooler water whenever possible
- Use the old fashioned tea towel or drying rack after you've done the washing up rather than a dishwasher which has a high energy consumption rate
- Insulate, insulate, insulate!!!

These may only seem like small things but the more people that try them and the longer it continues, the bigger the effect it will have.

DIY DVD

JUST LIKE FOLLIFOOT CC

We recently received a DVD from Follifoot CC, Yorkshire showcasing their NatWest CricketForce event. The DVD was an excellent example of a club really engaging in the CricketForce spirit and we'd love to see more. If you've made DVD we'd love to see it or perhaps it's something you'd like to think about for next year's NatWest CricketForce! It may well help your club to secure future funding.

MOBILE NET CAGE COMP WINNER

In the July newsletter we held a competition for a club to win a mobile net cage courtesy of Durant Cricket by sending us their best NatWest CricketForce quote.

The winning club was Gloucester Civil Service CC, Gloucestershire with this quote

"NWCF is the perfect partner for any amateur cricket club to kick start their season with a beneficial, yet social event, for all club members to get involved with"

Congratulations to everyone at the club, your mobile net cage will be on its way to you soon!



SILKSTONE UTD CC GOLFING AROUND TO RAISE MONEY

Fundrazor.com recently organised a charity golf day on behalf of Silkstone Utd CC to raise much needed funds for the club, and they had a fantastic day!

Organisers at Silkstone Utd CC booked the day through Fundrazor.com and played at Cotgrave Place Golf Club near Nottingham.

The club managed to persuade some local companies to provide sponsorship for prizes and eleven four ball teams entered the competition. The Silkstone Utd CC golfers were greeted on arrival at Cotgrave with coffee and bacon rolls, then 18 holes around the picturesque Masters course (ideal for all level of golfers), followed by pie chips and peas and the presentation of prizes.

Participants were charged £40.00 each and just short of £1000.00 was raised for the club!!

