

## NEWS RELEASE - 29 June 2015

## Chippenham Cricket Club secures funding for refurbishment

The community of Chippenham is celebrating the news that Chippenham Cricket Club has received a £5,000 funding boost from The Hills Group Limited.

The money has been made available through the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF) which is administered for Hills by Community First, the Rural Community Council for Wiltshire.

The funding has been used to upgrade and refurbish the club's existing outdoor net facility which was first installed in 2004. The nets had become uneven, worn and dangerous to use leaving many of the players unable to practice.

Committee member, Peter Sykes, said: "In recent years our net facility had deteriorated to a point that players were becoming frustrated by the lack of quality practice they could get through the use of the nets. However, thanks to the very generous contributions of The Hills Group Limited and Chippenham Area Board, who provided us with a community grant of £4,000 we now have a practice facility which is as good as new."

"Since the upgrade to the facility we have seen a marked increase in the number of players training in the nets. Our junior section now has a facility that is safe to use and also provides more training space on a junior coaching evening. We hope that through the work that has been carried out we will be able to attract more members to the club."

Chippenham Cricket Club runs four Saturday league teams, a midweek team and a thriving junior section. If players of any age or ability are interested in joining the club please visit <u>www.chippenhamcc.org.uk</u> or contact club secretary, Steve Silk at <u>stevesilk@chippenhamcc.org.uk</u>. **ENDS** 

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