



MIDDLESEX JUNIOR CRICKET ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT: PETER LOWREY

Middlesex Junior Cricket Association (charity number 291966)

Trustees' Annual Report - for the year ended 30th September 2025

Reference and administration details

Trustees:

Clifford Pile

Salin Talavdekar (appointed 7th April 2025)

Simon Mollett (retired 7th April 2025)

Executive Committee:

Peter Lowrey (President)

Clifford Pile (Chairman and Chair of Central Area)

Salin Talavdekar (Treasurer)

James Grigg (Chair of Cricket Committee)

Robert Tripp (Management Information and Web-site, Chair of East Area)

Laura de Silva (Chair of Girls' Section)

Angus Fraser (Managing Director, Middlesex in the Community)

Amber Wright (Safeguarding Officer, Middlesex in the Community)

Briony Brock (Vice-Chair of Girls' Section)

Lucas Janssen (Committee Secretary)

Cricket Committee:

James Grigg (Chair)

Clifford Pile (Chair of Central Area)

Robert Tripp (Chair of East Area)

Laura de Silva (Chair of Girls Section)

Steve Michelin (Chair of North Area)



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Paul Martin (Chair of South Area)

Tony Wright (Chair of West Area)

Peter Hollman (Indoor cricket)

Cricket Committee (contd.):

Amber Wright (Safeguarding Officer, Middlesex in the Community)

Raj Nath (Middlesex in the Community)

Luca Janssen (Committee Secretary)

The Middlesex Junior Cricket Association (“the charity” or “MJCA”) has no principal address, nor staff. Contact details are given in its web-site www.mcacricket.org .

Structure and governance; objectives and activities

Members of the executive committee are appointed either through its constituent Area committees or by the Annual General Meeting, which all member clubs can attend. The trustees are appointed from the executive committee and are generally the Chairman and the Treasurer.

The charity is governed by its Constitution. Its object is the provision of facilities for recreation and other leisure-time occupation in the interests of social welfare for young people up to the age of 18. It aims to meet this object by organising cricket matches and competitions, primarily through member clubs in or affiliated to the former County of Middlesex. In doing so, it cooperates with Middlesex in the Community and the English Cricket Board (“ECB”). At a more local level, its activities are organised in five geographical Areas plus a separate county-wide Girls section.

Each Area and the Girls section organises, on an age-group basis, summer cricket in the form of both league matches and a cup competition for its constituent member clubs. Successful teams from these Area competitions then take part in county-level MJCA summer competitions. These in turn can lead to participation in national competitions run by the ECB. In summer 2025, 2,674 matches were scheduled to be played under the MJCA umbrella and 2,238 were actually played, with the other matches either cancelled or abandoned due to wet weather etc.

The charity also organises indoor cricket in the winter for those of its member clubs that wish to participate – this is on a growing scale (318 winter indoors matches in 2024/25).



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In order to support these competitions, the charity runs a website.

The trustees consider that these activities satisfy the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

The charity makes no grants (other than in the form of medals and trophies for successful teams), has no investments other than bank accounts and relies entirely on the hard work of volunteers, both directly running the charity and indirectly within its member clubs.

Remuneration and reimbursement of expenses

No Trustees, nor any member of the executive committee, receive any remuneration from the charity.

In the course of the year, expenses were paid to:

- Two Trustees, 3 payments totalling £3,750.07 to reimburse for payments for winter cricket venues made on-line using his personal bank cards;
- Two members of the cricket committee, payment of £172.14, for reimbursement of lunch on indoor cricket finals and outdoor cup final.
- One other member of the executive committee, £559.50 to reimburse him for costs in connection with the web-site and IT matters.

Management of major risks

The trustees of the charity have considered the major risks confronting the charity and have set policies and control systems to manage these risks as follows:

Major risks:

- Safeguarding of the junior members – this is primarily in the hands of the member clubs and, under paragraph 3(i) of the MJCA constitution, all member clubs must have ECB Clubmark accreditation, which includes controls on safeguarding. The cricket committee oversees rules for matches, taking into account safety considerations and ECB guidance (for example, on pitch lengths, on permissible fielding positions and on the use of helmets).
- Financial risks, of losses on activities or losses through fraud or theft – these are countered by the requirements for accounting, banking, cheque signing and independent examination of the annual accounts, as set out in the MJCA constitution paragraph 18.



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- Inability to finance cricket activities – this is safeguarded by the charity’s policy of keeping reserves sufficient to meet the expected costs of the coming season, having regard to related income from clubs.
- Loss of member clubs or the charity’s role in organising junior cricket in Middlesex – this is monitored by the executive committee.

In addition, trustees and volunteer members of the executive committee are required to declare any conflicts of interest they might have on any matter of business. Any complaints will be considered by either the cricket committee (if involving cricket matters) or the executive committee and, if appropriate, referred to the disciplinary process set out in paragraph 8 of the MJCA constitution.

Achievements and performance

The charity’s cricket competitions in winter 2024/25 and the summer 2025 season were both successfully completed both showing an increase in the number of matches completed.

Financial review

The charity continues to be financially sound: in line with its reserves policy (above), the charity’s reserves are sufficient to fund the commitments required to arrange the cricket programme for the coming year (despite the substantially increased financial commitment to winter cricket).

Club subscriptions continued at their constitution-mandated level of £50 per club. Entry fees were unchanged. Two significant matters reflected in the financial results were the surplus made on winter cricket, reflecting the further improved entry numbers, and the reduced costs of trophies.

As a result of these activities, a surplus of £8,110 was made in the year to 30 September 2025 (2023/24: surplus £7,317).

A substantial prepayment of winter cricket costs was again made prior to the year-end and is shown as a pre-payment in the MJCA balance sheet.

We also wish to thank David Morgan FCA for again acting on an honorary basis as Independent Examiner and for his service over many years in that role as he is stepping down at the AGM in February 2026.



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Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Clifford Pile

Salin Talavdekar

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Chairman and Trustee

Treasurer and Trustee