

Disability Cricket Report 2021

Lords Taverners Super 1s Programme

Super1s

During the last year through funding from the Lord Taverners the Gloucestershire Cricket Foundation have delivered a disability participation programme called Super1s. Super1s was set up to increase the opportunities for young people aged 12 -25 to become aware, engaged and play cricket with their peers in the community – based hub environment.

There are now Super1s Hubs based at Frenchay Cricket Club, Forest of Dean, Stroud and Cheltenham, all offering weekly cricket sessions. In addition, to weekly sessions over the past year we have offered holiday days during the summer, family matches, and friendly matches. The Super1s also took part in the Virtual Special Olympics arranged by Mencap, finishing an amazing 4th out of nearly 100 teams. Most recently the players at the hubs joined together with Super1s from Wiltshire at the Bristol County Ground for an afternoon of cricket and workshops.

The Super1s Hubs provide opportunities for players to play regularly, make new friends, increase confidence, and independence.

The Super1 Program also creates a pathway from schools, hubs and club environments into the county squads run by the GCF.

Thank you to Cinderford CC, Kings Stanley CC, and Frenchay CC for providing ground for the hubs

Table Cricket.

Table Cricket is an adapted form of cricket played on a table tennis table, which is fully inclusive and allows everyone to play the game we love. Funded by the Lord Taverners the GCF delivers table cricket sessions in schools, trains teachers to deliver, and runs county competitions.

This year saw the opening of Gloucestershire's first Table Cricket Hub in Gloucester, which would welcome new members.

Disability Champion Cricket Clubs

Last year saw the launch of the Disability Champion Cricket Clubs, which is an ECB initiative encouraging clubs to provide cricket for people living with Disabilities. In Gloucestershire, it was exciting to see 5 clubs sign up to this, and get involved. The Clubs hosted Super1s, ran their own disability sessions, and open days for those with a disability.

[If your club would like to get involved this year, please contact Jeanette on jeanette.tate@glocestershirecricketfoundation.org](mailto:jeanette.tate@glocestershirecricketfoundation.org)

County Teams

The County fielded two teams in 2021:

- Javelins – ECB Super9s National League

- Meteors – ECB Super9s Development league
- The driving force behind the Gloucestershire County Disability Teams continued in 2021, with Carole Polley (manager) who organised and managed the two teams, and Rebecca Armstrong (Coach)

The Javelins played in the S9 Regional – SW League. Overall, it was a good season, in which the team improved and played well against the other teams. There were many close matches, during the season, and we finished 3rd in the league. We are looking forward to the forth coming season.

The Meteors festivals were affected by the weather, and so had little opportunity to play. They were able to play in several friendly matches.

Both teams finished the season with the annual day at Frampton on Severn Cricket club where this year the Meteors played Frampton and the Javelins played Cam CC.

Thank you to Upton St Leonards, Stinchcombe Stragglers CC, and Frampton on Severn CC for hosting the teams during the year.

For more information on our Super1s and Table Cricket Programmes, how to become a Disability Champion Club, or our County Teams, please contact Jeanette on jeanette.tate@gloucestershirecricketfoundation.org

Gloucestershire Growlers (Visually Impaired County Team)

Blind Cricket England and Wales (BCEW) arranged a shortened season this year, so we were scheduled to play 3 matches, but after rain interruptions completed one match successfully.

It was great to have a coach this year, which really helped to improve the team, and by dividing the training sessions between Knowle CC and Hatherley and Reddings CC, we were able to encourage more players to come along.

We are looking forward to the forthcoming season and if anyone would like to join or find out more, please contact Edward Hastings – on edwardahastings@gmail.com

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