

## Cumnor Youth Cricket

During season 2010 Cumnor Youth Cricket provided coaching to more than 200 youngsters aged between 7 and 15 who attended our weekly coaching programme or our intensive week long summer academies, making us one of the leading providers in the county. Membership has increased by 40% since 2008 a sure sign that we are succeeding in our objective of providing a coaching programme which is at least as good as anything else on offer in the area. Players of all standards are welcome, We put great emphasis on enjoyment and encourage all our members to play the game in the right spirit. We recognise that sport teaches valuable lessons and helps develop skills which are useful in other parts of life. Many of our coaches are 17 and 18 year olds who have taken advantage of our coach development programme enabling them pass on their knowledge and becoming more confident and responsible adults as a result. The club actively promotes junior sport within the community, organising the Vale District Under 10 Kwik Cricket competitions and currently working in partnership with local schools to organise in school coaching.

The investment in coaching over the last two years has resulted in a big increase in playing standards. 10 players represented Oxfordshire in 2010, 2 players are with first class academies, and 36 players have reached the standard necessary to be put forward for county trials , a threefold increase since 2008.

We fielded competitive teams at under 10, under 11, under 13, under 15 and under 17, and all performed well with the under 13's becoming county champions and reaching the regional final, and the under 15's being undefeated in winning their league. Many youth players aged from 13 upwards have played regularly and performed well for Cumnor Cricket Club's senior teams.

***'Thanks to all the coaches... You seem to improve the youth section every year...'***

Just one of many comments received in response to our end of season questionnaire which was completed by around half our junior members.

Members were asked to rate a number of features out of 5: their ratings are shown below. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive, although not universally so, and we have had plenty of constructive suggestions to make things even better next season. A massive 98% of respondents said they would rejoin next season, and a similar number want us to organise winter indoor training.

	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Average Rating</u>
Organisation	67%	18%	14%	1%	0%	4.5
Communication	51%	43%	4%	2%	0%	4.5
Standard of coaching	53%	45%	2%	0%	0%	4.5
Improvement in cricketing skills	31%	53%	16%	0%	0%	4.1
Enjoyment	73%	27%	0%	0%	2%	4.7
Value for Money	75%	23%	2%	0%	0%	4.7
Overall	58%	35%	6%	1%	0%	4.5

Some of the things people said they'd like to see for next year: more match opportunity, end of year presentations,

*'Thank you so much for all you do, my son loves Cumnor so much'*

[Members comment, August 2010]

**Our plans for 2011 will be announced on this website early in the new year,**

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