

## **Woodley Cricket Club Testimonials & Crowd Funding Activities**

Hi John,

I have been a playing member of Woodley Cricket Club for over 15 years, and I can confidently say that I have enjoyed every minute. Being up at the club is brilliant, it is like a 2nd home. The club fosters a strong sense of community, bringing together players of all ages and skill levels. The club has 3 senior teams (1st, 2nd, 3rd), a ladies' team, an over 40s team, and a large junior setup, ranging from under 9s to under 15s. Senior members are fantastic at getting younger players involved for example, our 3rd team is all about development and it is made up mostly of junior players, getting their first taste of senior cricket. The facilities are top-notch, and the club regularly hosts events through the off-season, such as Quiz nights, darts exhibitions and much more. The mix of cricket matches all throughout the summer and regular events taking place makes it a wonderful place to socialize and meet new friends. I highly recommend Woodley Cricket Club to anyone looking to get involved in cricket and be part of a welcoming community!

**Dan Rathburn (20)**

Hi John

As you know I have been involved with Woodley cricket club since I was 10 years old. I'm 40 this year so 30 years I have been affiliated to Woodley cricket club. It was an advert in the local newspaper (Stockport express) that Mike Hawkin (club legend) put in looking for fresh players that caught my dad's eye all those years ago. Me and my brother Jamie (aged 10 and 9 at the time) joined, and the rest is history.

I like many others started at u11s and worked my way up to senior cricket. I went on to captain the 1st team for 10 seasons, winning titles and even relegation. I have watched both my sons Daniel now 20 and Joshua 13 play juniors and rise to seniors. I even managed to play in the same team as them both and my brother, which for me brings me more joy than scoring a 100, taking 5 wickets or winning any title.

My niece Madison (19) has also played for the ladies and men's teams. My daughter Neave (7) is now involved with the all-stars programme.

I also coach the juniors on a Friday night, and we have lots of fresh faces coming through those gates each summer which is great!

The facilities we have now are much better than what they were when I was my sons age. The old wooden hut was levelled and supported up by beer barrels lol. With the fresh look clubhouse, it is great to just sit on the veranda in the summer watching cricket and knowing my children are in a safe environment.

I will be forever grateful my father rang the number in the newspaper that day and took me and my brother down to training 30years ago! It has been my life for so long and can honestly say I would highly recommend Woodley Cricket Club to anyone looking to get involved in cricket and be part of a welcoming community!

Here is to the next 30 years 🍷🏏❤️❤️

### **Daniel Kay**

Woodley Cricket Club, in the borough of Stockport, has existed for over a century and during that time has provided the opportunity for countless young (and not so young) people to enjoy participation in sport and relaxation. It is a member of the Derbyshire and Cheshire Cricket League and runs several teams, including a ladies' team, providing training and the chance for them to meet with and compete against teams in both counties.

As facilities for team sports dwindle, particularly in schools, community sports clubs such as Woodley Cricket Club have become ever more important to the community, bringing people together and instilling a sense of local pride. I am incredibly happy to lend my support to this venture.

Best wishes,  
**Cllr Angie Clark**

### **Crowd Funding**

Woodley CC- Club and Terrace Transformation - a Sports crowdfunding project in Woodley by Dave Hotson

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/facility-improvements-incl-disability-access-ramp>

