

Willingham Cricket Club

In 2021, the cricket club had a great season winning promotion from the division (4 North). However, during the season, the club continued to struggle to gain enough players to field a side. This meant that there was a reliance on the counties additional player list to help fulfil fixtures.

At the end of the season the club decided that we needed to reach out with other local clubs around a potential merger. After some discussions we agreed to merge with Over Cricket Club. Over had 2 teams in the county cricket league last year but were also having problems with player numbers and were looking to withdraw their 2nd team.

The merger has now completed, and we are now Over & Willingham Cricket Club. The merger has been amicable with both teams having an EGM to agree the merger. The new AGM was held in March and is a mixture of both Willingham and Over players in key roles for the club.

For the 2022 season we will be fielding 2 teams, the 1st team will be playing in Division 2 with home games being played at Over Green. The 2nd team will be playing in Division 4 (as we felt that this was a sensible place to be) with home games being played at Willingham Recreation Ground.

The club has been completing training at Fener's indoor nets from since the start of March. A good mix of both teams has been attending.

Over & Willingham have now got a youth setup ranging from U12's upwards. Using the experience of the coaches at Over we should be able to develop this further and see some games played at Willingham as the club progresses.

We have been discussing with the Parish Council around the state of the Cricket Nets and will be looking for Funding from local sources to replace the nets. The 1st thing we need to look at is the poles who are leaning in April we have put out a request on the Willingham Facebook site for some assistance in completing this. Unfortunately to date no one has volunteered to assist in this piece.

Fixture lists will also be published on the new notice board on the pavilion.

Kind Regards

Matt Leach

Treasurer