



OVER & WILLINGHAM CRICKET CLUB ANNUAL REPORT 2025

2025 was a solid season with good performances from both 1st and 2nd teams. The 1st team finished in 5th place (of 9) in Junior 3 North and the 2nd team finished in 4th place (of 7) in Junior 5 North. Both teams will stay in the same division for the 2026 season. Over & Willingham CC teams had 24+ different players play senior matches for us in 2025 and including three under 18s who played regularly for the senior teams.

The club's main home ground is Over Green, the primary home venue for the men's 1st team. The club's alternative home venue is Willingham Recreation Ground which is the primary venue for the men's 2nd team.

Over & Willingham CC again successfully ran the All-Stars programme for 5–8 year-olds, with more than 10 boys and girls participating in 2025. The Dynamo's cricket programme for 8-11 year olds ran for its second year which was hugely successful with over 20 children participating. Both programmes will be running in 2026, with Dynamo's commencing earlier, so that the club can run some hard ball training sessions before the summer holidays.

The club are hopeful that in attracting primary school age children to cricket via AllStars and Dynamos will provide sufficient interest in future years to form future youth teams in 2027.

CLUB OBJECTIVES The club is still keen to attract enough players at both senior and junior levels to keep all teams viable. This is particularly important at 2nd team level as this provides a pathway for youth players to transition into senior cricket. We aim to do this by: a) Continuing to attract and develop young playing members. b) Improving our practice and playing facilities. c) Improving the standard of our established players, both youth and adult. This can only be achieved if we are able to develop and maintain the main playing surfaces in Over and Willingham plus enhancing practice facilities. To make the long-term plans happen and thereby improve the future for cricket in Over, Willingham and the surrounding villages, Over & Willingham CC is committed to working with Over Parish Council, Willingham Parish Council, Cambs Cricket and other interested parties for the mutual benefit of the local community. To do this, however, funding will be

required to invest in facilities otherwise the growth will not be achievable even if the intent exists.

Alex Archer, Club Secretary May 2026

