

Bilton in Ainsty CC – YPLN Application 2022

Bilton in Ainsty CC 1st XI joined the York and District Senior Cricket League (Y&DSCL) in 2018 and have competed in Galtres Division 2 over the past four seasons, the club's 2nd XI joined the Y&DSCL for the first time in the 2021 season competing in Galtres Division 4. Both sides have enjoyed a number of highly competitive games over the season which have been played in a good spirit without exception.

As a club we have faced disciplinary issues this season with regards to meeting our Safeguarding commitment with appropriate officials within the club not holding valid DBS certification at the start of the season. Although this was a genuine oversight on behalf of the club the Y&DSCL Senior Committee rightly brought this important issue to our attention and action was taken quickly by Bilton in Ainsty CC to ensure that all senior officials held the correct certification. The club accepts that this situation should not have been allowed to happen but processes have now been put in place to further strengthen the club's compliance in the future.

Off the field the club have been progressing a number of exciting developments to improve the facilities on offer for the local community and visiting Y&DSCL teams. A brand new pavilion providing highly quality facilities is currently under construction and is due to be completed in the Autumn of 2021 and will be fully ready to host matches in the 2022 season. The new pavilion will provide two changing rooms with dedicated showers/WC's, umpires facilities, a large club room and bar area and a raised veranda providing excellent views of the action. A separate new building will display a new electronic score board which will be compatible with the Play-Cricket website, the building will also house the club's ground work and maintenance equipment.

For many years junior cricket was one of the great strengths of the club but for various reasons the offering reduced significantly over recent times. For the last three years the club has been running All Stars and Dynamo's sessions with participation increasing significantly year on year. This culminated with the club hosting a competitive junior match (U 10's) for the first time in many years.

The continued development of Junior cricket is one of the big priorities for the club and we aim to build on the boost provided by the new facilities to further enhance the Junior cricket offer with the aim of being able to enter teams into competitive cricket league structures over the next few years.

In summary Bilton in Ainsty CC are looking to implement learning from the disciplinary actions taken earlier in the season and continue to move the club forward as a member of the York and District Senior Cricket League. We look forward to welcoming junior cricketers and opposing senior teams to our brand new facilities in the 2022 season.