



Report of the Board 2025

Dear Somerset Members,

2025 proved to be a landmark year for Somerset County Cricket Club as we celebrated our sesquicentennial season in memorable fashion by winning the Vitality Blast at Edgbaston for the second time in three years.

Our Men's team mounted a strong challenge for the Rothesay County Championship title and remained firmly in contention until the final round of matches. The Metro Bank squad also performing well to the latter stages of the competition, once again reinforcing our position amongst the leading counties in English cricket.

The 2025 season also marked a significant milestone in the Club's history as we hosted a fully professional Women's team for the first time. We've adapted the existing facilities at the Cooper Associates County Ground to fully accommodate the women's game and embraced the opportunities presented by Tier 1 cricket.

Fielding a predominantly young squad, Somerset Women produced encouraging performances in the Metro Bank One Day Cup, while also gaining valuable experience within the Vitality Blast competition. During the autumn, we were delighted to appoint former Australian international Erin Osborne as Head Coach of Somerset Women on a three-year contract. Her extensive playing experience and leadership will play an important role in supporting the continued growth and development of the women's programme across all levels.

As the county club representing the wider South West region, we were also pleased to continue strengthening our relationships across neighbouring counties by taking top-level cricket across the South West. One of Somerset's greatest strengths continues to be our ability to develop homegrown talent through our player pathway programme. Few things give our members greater pride than seeing local players succeed on the national stage in Somerset colours.

International recognition for Somerset players continued throughout 2025 across our men's and women's programme further highlighting the quality of talent emerging from our system. From our women's team Heather Knight, Charlie Dean, Dani Gibson, Katie Jones and Bea Willis, while men's players Tom Banton, James Rew, Thomas Rew and Archie Vaughan all represented England across formats and age groups of the game.

At the conclusion of the 2025 season, several players moved on in pursuit of further opportunities elsewhere. We said farewell to Kasey Aldridge, Ben Green, Josh Davey, Shoaib Bashir, Sean Dickson, Roelof van der Merwe, Andy Umeed and Matt Henry. We extend our sincere thanks to each of them for their contributions to Somerset Cricket both on and off the field and wish them every success in the future — except, of course, when competing against Somerset.

The near-capacity crowds regularly seen at our Vitality Blast fixtures, alongside strong attendances for Metro Bank competitions and County Championship cricket, are a reflection not only of performances on the field but also of the exceptional work undertaken behind the scenes by our Commercial, Operations and wider delivery teams.

The Club remains in a strong financial position with healthy cash reserves, we continue to carefully evaluate how best to utilise the legacy funding arising from the sale of The Hundred franchises in order to maximise long-term value for Somerset Cricket.

Our Members and supporters remain at the heart of everything we do, and we continue to be fortunate to enjoy the backing of such a loyal and passionate membership base. As attendances and interest in Somerset Cricket continue to grow, we remain committed to enhancing the matchday experience and improving facilities for all who visit the Cooper Associates County Ground. Continued investment in our home is vital to ensure an environment that supports excellence and long-term development.

The future expansion of The Hundred competition also remains a possibility, and the improvements currently being undertaken will ensure that Somerset is well positioned should such an opportunity arise.

The recreational game in Somerset also continues to thrive under the leadership of our close partners the Somerset Cricket Foundation. Through strong delivery across schools, clubs and community programmes, we continue to grow participation while using cricket as a vehicle to improve lives throughout the county.

To sustain this success, we must continue investing in our players, our facilities and the Player Pathway that underpins the future strength of Somerset Cricket. The future of the professional game remains both exciting and uncertain as cricket continues to evolve rapidly within an increasingly competitive environment. However, whatever changes may lie ahead, the Board's priority remains clear: to ensure that Somerset County Cricket Club continues to thrive at the highest level of the game, both now and for future generations.



Richard Brice

Chair, SCCC Board of Directors

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