# Radyr Cricket Club RAI **Pavilion Extension**







## **Radyr Cricket Club**

Radyr Cricket Club is a vibrant part of the fabric of life in the community of Radyr and Morganstown. With its strong, traditional values, the club enables the participation in sport of around 150 youngsters, helps develop a love for cricket in local schools, and provides superb playing facilities for its five adult and eight junior teams.

Our pavilion is, regrettably, from a different era. We have outgrown it. To build further on our success in widening participation in cricket, particularly amongst girls, and in encouraging healthy lifestyles, we need to invest in extending our pavilion to create new changing rooms and toilet facilities. Thanks, in part, to the generosity of Cricket Wales and Radyr and Morganstown Community Council, we now have a unique opportunity to match our facilities to our activities; to meet the needs of our expanding girls membership; and, to create an even friendlier family atmosphere.

#### **Our Vision**

We aim to build on our strong foundations to become one of the most highly regarded cricket clubs in South Wales. We want to be recognised for widening the participation of youngsters in cricket, for developing the skills of our young male and female cricketers, for the success of our senior teams, and for providing our members, and our community, with first-rate playing, practice, and pavilion facilities.

To achieve our vision, we intend to invest in a pavilion extension to provide additional changing rooms, toilets, showers, disabled toilets and umpire's facilities that meet ECB standards.

## **Our Club**

- Long established community cricket club, founded over 125 years ago
- Two cricket grounds, all weather net facilities, digital scoreboard, modern kitchen and bar facilities
- Over 300 members, of which over 200 play cricket regularly, strongly supported by active Vice Presidents and parents
- Around 150 young members between the ages of 5 and 16, around 40 of which are girls.
- Currently the most successful club for girls cricket in Cardiff, with 15 Welsh caps in 2018.
- Five adult League teams (four Saturday sides, one Sunday side), eight junior teams (at U9, U11, U13, U15, U19) and 'All Stars' cricket for U7s
- Over 25 active coaches, running five Youth training sessions and one Senior training session per week in the summer, plus winter training programme
- More than 100 home matches each cricket season, and a further 100 practice nights
- Over 12,000 person-visits each season to our ground
- Awarded ECB Clubmark in 2010

#### The Pavilion Extension

Our current pavilion dates from 1972, and remains relatively unchanged. It was designed for a different era. Back then, we ran one adult team, playing Saturday matches. There was no junior section, and no female members. We were meeting the needs of 30-40 enthusiastic cricketers. Today, things could not be more different. Each season our ground hosts over 100 senior and junior matches, at least 100 training sessions, visiting representative and touring teams, friendly games for local teachers and specialist coaching sessions. All in all, this amounts to over 12,000 person-visits each cricket season to our ground. We are bursting at the seams. Our facilities are no longer fit for purpose.

If we are to build on this success, things need to change. Our members, their families, and our guests need access to modern pavilion facilities that can accommodate the scale of our activities and be configured to meet the needs of girls-only and mixed cricket teams.



### The Benefits

Our new facilities will enhance the experience of everyone who visits or plays at Radyr Cricket Club. They will help to build a club that is sustainable for future generations. Specifically, the new facility will:

- Make our club more attractive to families, increasing membership and player retention, and encouraging healthy lifestyles in the community of Radyr and Morganstown;
- Provide players and visiting teams with access to modern, clean changing rooms and showers;
- Enhance the match day experience of our members, their friends and families, and our guests;
- Allow the configuration of changing facilities to meet the needs of girls-only and mixed cricket teams, underpinning our role as one of the main centres for girls and ladies cricket in South Wales;
- Offer up-to-date, separate toilet facilities for disabled people in a DDA compliant pavillion;
- Match the capacity of our facilities to the scale and nature of our ever expanding activities, building on our heritage and ensuring that we will continue to be able to play a full part in our community for years to come.

## How can you help us?

Our best estimate is that the pavilion extension will cost around £120,000. Whilst we have already secured significant support from Cricket Wales and the Radyr and Morganstown Community Council, as well as having access to some monies from the club's reserves, significant sums will need to be found through the support of our members, our community, local businesses, major enterprises, and other loans and grants.

We are in no doubt that raising this money is a major challenge. Radyr Cricket Club is not a wealthy club and, because of its commitment to support the community, keeps its membership fees to a minimum.

We need your help, and there are lots of ways in which you can support us:

- Businesses can sponsor the fundraising programme;
- Members and parents can identify local businesses, major enterprises, and other people who might be willing to help;
- Individuals can make cash donations or participate in an issue of club debentures (a form of loan); and
- Everyone can come up with fundraising ideas, some people may be willing to help run events, and as many people as possible can participate in fundraising.

Please get involved. We need everyone's help, no matter how small, no matter how large.



#### **Further Information**

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