

## **Woore Cricket Club Update for Woore Parish Council - 2022**

Woore Cricket Club was founded just over 125 years ago, and is an amateur cricket club run by volunteers based on the cricket field behind the Falcon Pub car park. We are classed as a Community Amateur Sports Club.

The club runs two senior cricket teams in the North Staffs and South Cheshire Cricket League, which is a Saturday team. Last season the First Team finished 4th in division 5 and the second team finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in Division 8, gaining promotion for the 2022 season. The club also runs a Sunday friendly team allowing opportunities for all standards to get involved.

The club also has a very successful youth/ children leagues running Under 19s/18's, Under 16's, Under 14's, Under 13's, Under 12's, Under 10's and Under 8's teams in the local North Staffordshire Junior Leagues, with mixed sex teams. We also run successful girls teams in partnership with another local Club, in which the girls at U13's and U15's were National Champions. The partnership enables opportunities to compete for all our girls at the right level. In addition, the club also supports the ECB initiatives to widen participation in cricket by running All Stars (under 8's) and Dynamo's (under 10's) introductory cricket training sessions. All Junior cricket training are held on a Friday evening, which is very well attended, with over a 100 local children from Woore and surrounding villages participating most Friday evenings last year. This is also a very social evening which is well supported by parents and the ice cream van!

The club is also hoping to continue to grow the female only softball team this season, which is an exciting venture for the club

All the above teams are preparing for the start of the new season, with training sessions well under way, and the Friday evening training sessions starting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April. If anyone is interested in joining any of the teams, then please feel free to come down either on a Friday evening, or on a weekend when one of the teams are playing at home.

The club is also very social and holds an annual fireworks display evening in conjunction with the Falcon pub. In addition, there is normally a summer event on the field.

Woore Cricket Club would also like to record their thanks for Woore Parish Council who supported the club this year with a grant to help fund the replacement of the safety nets that separate the "new" house build on The Boundary from the cricket ground. This support is very much appreciated and helps the club continue running.