

## **Freeland Cricket Club – APM Report 2017**

2016 was a busy year!

We ran junior teams in the under 15, under 13, and 11 leagues and in the under 9 kwik cricket festivals.

We also hosted two adult matches.

Training was held every Tuesday evening from the middle of April until the middle of July, with usually more than 30 children participating each week. We played matches on Monday and Thursday evenings and on Sunday mornings.

Graham Walker and myself undertook the groundsmen role, looking after the cricket pitch, cutting, scarifying and rolling. Many apologies for the noise of the roller on those lovely summer evenings, and early mornings at the weekends!

Graham and I prepared the cricket square at the end of the summer by weed killing, scarifying again and scattering 18kgs of grass seed. This seems to have worked as the amount of moss has reduced, the grass coverage is good and there are NO weeds!

Preparations for this new season are under way, with our home matches starting on the last Sunday of April, with an adult match. It is likely to be our busiest season for many years.

Graham and I were supported by Peter Ditchfield, Paul Salway, Ben Field and Kim Salway in the coaching and team management, without them we would not have been able to run the teams.

I must also thank Trevor Johnson and all of his team at the Yeoman for their after match refreshments, every team wants to play against us as the sausages are worlds famous.

Finally, many thanks to Rob Crocker and Dorothy Sharpe for their assistance and patience during the year, and to all the parents for their continued enthusiasm and support.

**Simon Brown**  
**Chairman**