



# Chance to shine

EDUCATING THROUGH CRICKET

## Wokingham Cricket Club to give Wokingham's Children a "Chance to Shine"

Wokingham Cricket Club is proud to announce that it has joined Chance to shine, the nationwide programme run by The Cricket Foundation, which aims to regenerate competitive cricket in a third of state schools by 2015.

Hundreds of children in primary and secondary state schools in Wokingham area will now enjoy the benefits of competitive cricket - many for the first time - as a result. The cricket club will be one of 400 ECB "Focus" clubs across England and Wales, delivering a high quality summer term coaching and competition programme to a cluster of six local schools made up, typically, of five primary and one secondary school. Local schools that will benefit from this programme include:

**All Saints, Hawthorns, Meadow Vale, St Crispins, St Pauls & Westende**

**England Womens World Cup winning Captain Charlotte Edwards will be coaching girls at Wokingham Cricket Club on: Monday April 20th, April 27th, May 4th, May 11th and May 18<sup>th</sup>**



**Charlotte Edwards Lifts the Womens World Cup 2009**

Paul Hayter, Club Manager at Wokingham, said: "Joining Chance to shine offers an opportunity to strengthen further our links with local schools and, hopefully, increase our junior membership. Many of these children will never have had the chance to play competitive cricket and our coaches will help them to enjoy and learn from this unique game."

Wasim Khan, Director of Operations and Development at The Cricket Foundation, said: "Our clubs are the backbone of Chance to shine and are critical to the success of the programme. The club managers help to deliver high quality coaching and competitions to schools and, as a result, over 10,000 children have joined local clubs from schools over the past three years - an average of 35 per club."

The Cricket Foundation, an independent registered charity, believes that team sports - and cricket in particular - can help young people to develop important life skills such as learning how to win, to lose and to cope with setbacks.

England cricketer and Chance to shine ambassador, Andrew Flintoff said: "I've learned a lot from playing cricket - how to stay cool under intense pressure, self-discipline and getting the best out of yourself and your team mates. Cricket has made me who I am. I strongly believe that every child should have an equal opportunity to learn through cricket."

In 2008, over 226,844 boys and girls in 2,082 state schools across the country participated in nearly 40,000 cricket matches through Chance to shine. 45% per cent of the children involved last year were girls. Tens of thousands of children in Chance to shine schools will now be introduced to the key Spirit of Cricket messages enshrined in the Laws of the game, following a new partnership this year between The Cricket Foundation and Marylebone Cricket Club.

The £50million charitable campaign is supported financially by Allianz, Slazenger, the England and Wales Cricket Board, Marylebone Cricket Club, The Lord's Taverners and many other companies and private individuals, as well as the Government through Sport England. For more details of the campaign, visit [www.chancetoshine.org](http://www.chancetoshine.org)

For more information please contact us:

**Wokingham Cricket Club**

The Pavilion,  
Wellington Road,  
Wokingham,  
Berkshire.

RG40 2AW

Tel No: 0118 9780 361

Email: [Martin.Wilson@uwclub.net](mailto:Martin.Wilson@uwclub.net)

