

# General History of Bushey Cricket Club

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The first recorded remarks concerning Bushey Cricket Club were in 1864. It is believed that the Club was actually formed before that date. Apart from two world wars that obviously impacted on the membership of the club, and, therefore restricted the number of games that could be played, the Club has continually adapted to the times and changes that have taken place over those years and still continue to flourish.

The club was awarded "Club Mark" accreditation in August 2008. The Club is also registered as a Community Amateur Sports Club Registration No: CASC 02430.

The home ground is located off Eastbury Road, Oxhey, and is owned by Veolia Water Company. It is set in open countryside and is approached by a narrow Tarmac Drive. This ground was created some seventy years ago and was owned by the Colne Valley Water Company which was later merged with the Three Valleys Water Company, and more recently became Veolia Water our current Landlord.

There is a full sized Bowling Green, two hard court tennis courts, both sadly no longer used, and the Club has the benefit of a pleasant pavilion that was re-built ten years ago. Football was also played on the same ground, in earlier years.

The Club has had the use of the ground for the last twenty five years and operated on a ten year lease which was due to expire in 2012. Representations over a period of time have been made to the Landlord by the Club to extend the lease to 28 years. We were informed that the Land Management Committee has agreed to this request.

The Club is responsible for maintaining the ground and preparing the wickets and cutting the outfield.

The Club has also verbally expressed an interest in taking over the adjoining field should it ever become available. There is sufficient space for a further two football pitches and a nursery cricket ground with the existing pavilion being ideally placed for these additional facilities. This land is located on the flood plain of the River Colne and there is, therefore, only a limited use of the land either agricultural or for sport and leisure.

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