

Hampset Cricket Force 2009

The Hampset Cricket Force weekend at their Bloomfield Rise ground in Odd Down on 4 and 5 April was a great success.

The Chairman of B&NES council, David Bellotti, Odd Down Councilor Nigel Roberts, and Alison Baker, B&NES Active Sport and Leisure Manager, came along on the Saturday to join Hampset Cricket Club President Alan Hack and Chairman Jon Flagg in getting the event off to the right start. The free breakfast on the Saturday was followed by two days of hard work preparing the ground, club house and changing rooms for the new season.

Over 50 members of the Club helped out on each day to make sure that progress was made and a number of major projects were completed successfully. There was also chance for everyone to have a bit of fun during the weekend with the various social events that took place.

After a hectic weekend of activity, Chairman, Jon Flagg commented, "Once again this has been an outstanding effort by the Clubs' membership. It makes me a very proud man to see the dedication and commitment of our members giving their time selflessly and also in reflecting on how much we have achieved in such a short time. This was 500 hours of volunteered time in the weekend alone to add to the all year round effort in running our Club".

"We were extremely lucky with the weather and as we closed off on Sunday afternoon the ground looked fantastic in the sunshine. I hope everybody who participated enjoyed themselves as much as I did and I truly believe its events like these that galvanises our Club and makes it so special in our community. Thank you to everyone that lent a hand and particularly to Jon Solly and Adrian Jeffrey who did so much work to bring it all together."

The ground is now ready for the new season, which starts on Saturday 11 April. The club's first league game is on 2 May. Any cricketers who might be interested in playing for Hampset are most welcome. To find out more about the club call 01225 837100 or log on to www.hampset.org.uk.