

## **Great Glen Cricket Club – 5–10 Year Development Plan (2026–2036)**

Vision:

To develop a sustainable, inclusive village cricket club with strong youth and women's participation, improved facilities, and consistently high playing standards.

### **1. Youth & Women's Cricket Development**

Current Position: No junior or women's teams.

Aim: Build an inclusive pathway introducing young players and women into cricket, progressing into senior teams.

Key Actions:

- Launch entry-level cricket programmes for boys and girls
- Introduce women's cricket sessions
- Partner with local schools and community groups
- Recruit and train volunteer coaches
- Provide affordable memberships and starter kit support

Targets:

- Junior section (U9–U13) within 3–5 years
- Regular women's training group within 3 years
- Full junior pathway and women's friendly team within 5–7 years
- Sustainable junior pipeline feeding senior teams within 10 years

### **2. Improve Training Facilities**

Aim: Provide quality coaching and practice environments for all players.

Actions:

- Install or refurbish all-weather practice nets (funding/grant and Parish council ground use permits)
- Upgrade coaching and safety equipment
- Improve indoor training access where possible

Outcome:

- Better player development and retention

### **3. Improve Pitch Performance**

Aim: Deliver safe, consistent, high-quality playing surfaces.

Actions:

- Structured square renovation and levelling programme
- Improve irrigation and drainage
- Groundskeeper training and equipment investment

Outcome:

- Improved playing standards and safer matches

#### **4. Sustainability & Community Engagement**

- Recruit volunteers and coaches
- Apply for cricket and community sports grants
- Develop local sponsorship partnerships
- Host community cricket events and open days

#### **Measures of Success**

- Active junior section feeding senior teams
- Established women's cricket programme
- Improved nets and pitch quality
- Growing membership and volunteer base
- Stronger competitiveness within the league