



# SLEAFORD CRICKET CLUB

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## President's Report 2020

When Gavin Hutson asked me if I would stand as President a little over a year ago he said he didn't need me to get too involved but wanted me to attend County and other feature matches and welcome people and shake their hands. Little did either of us anticipate that not only would there be no County or other feature matches, but we would not be shaking hands with anybody.

A year ago it would have been extremely disappointing to think we would only see a shortened season, but as we look back and with the virus still not behind us maybe we should be thankful that we saw a little bit of cricket and softball at both senior and junior level. Many thanks should go to all that worked hard to make that happen, and safely.

Clearly traditional income streams will have been hit by the lack of cricket and clubhouse opening times albeit it was noticeable that during the curtailed opening the club was well attended, maybe because it was viewed as being safer to socialise outside. Government and other assistance have played a part in plugging the gap of other missed income streams so we are well placed going forward as soon as we can get passed this dreaded virus.

My virology expertise is a little lacking, but I am hopeful that the positive vaccine tests published in recent weeks give us all some hope that there is light at the end of the tunnel. Here is hoping that the vaccines can be largely rolled out before the start of the 2021 cricket season and that things settle down enough to enjoy a full season.

I don't think it is too dramatic to say that the Coronavirus pandemic is the worst crisis to hit us all since the Second World War and indeed the first time we have had a curtailed season since that time. Sleaford Cricket Club has a rich history and has survived two World Wars and the 1918 Spanish flue pandemic so I am sure we will all pull together to ensure this crisis will not beat us either.

In the meantime, we are no safer until the vaccines are rolled out so please be careful since we look forward to meeting all of you next season.

Edward Money  
President