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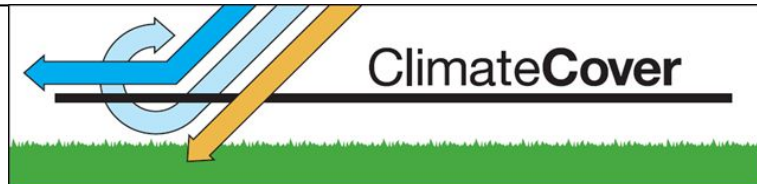


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Climate Cover are offering TWO NatWest CricketForce registered clubs the chance to win a £200 voucher for a **Climate Cover System™** on top of the customary 20% discount already offered to all NatWest CricketForce registered clubs.

The Climate Cover System™ is simply the lightest, strongest and only breathable sports turf cover. Systems are used at Test Match grounds including Lord's, county grounds, schools, and league cricket clubs. To be in with a chance of winning this fantastic prize please answer the following 3 questions.

- 1) Why is it important to allow sunlight to pass through a ground cover and reach the grass plant?
- 2) Give two reasons why air circulation is vital to the grass plant and a cricket pitch?
- 3) How many Groundsmen does it take to pull on a four pitch Climate cover?
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To find these answers and more information about other Climate Cover Ltd products please click here: www.climatecover.co.uk

Please send your answers by email only to info@climatecover.co.uk with 'NWCF Climate Cover Competition' in the subject box.

The email must include your contact details in full including the name and address of your cricket club. In addition please let us know if your club is a Focus Club and if it has ECB Clubmark accreditation.

The closing date for the competition is Friday 27th March 2009.

Two winning clubs will be drawn at random by a member of the ECB and contacted by David Bates, Technical Director of Climate Cover Ltd by telephone. The winners will also be announced in the next NatWest CricketForce newsletter.

GOOD LUCK EVERYONE!



NatWest CricketForce elements you may wish to consider...not all will be applicable, but many will be.

Extra security in the days leading up to NatWest CricketForce – secure site materials
Marquees/shelter for bad weather, perhaps from the local Scout Group
Catering for hungry and thirsty workers – you can never have enough tea
St John Ambulance
Inform the local Police and Fire service
Skips for rubbish – you may need several - ask your Local Authority
Portaloos required?
Banners/Posters in the town and at the end of the drive
Registration Point – obtain contact details of all those that turn up and/or volunteer
Photographer – you can never take enough photographs
Film the event - this film can be invaluable to show potential supporters what you have achieved through self-help
Interview key people and distribute to all – a great way to raise the profile of your business supporters and local community partners
A man/woman and a van – for those last minute pick ups throughout the day
Arrange ample visitor parking with parking stewards – arrange convenient parking for key Volunteers/Workers/Media/VIPs /Emergency vehicles
Arrange sponsored bouncy castle, face painting....
Invite Sponsors/NatWest CricketForce Business Sponsors to display/exhibit products
Organise a supervised area for the very young away from the work
Host Kwik Cricket games while parents roll their sleeves up!
Set up stalls – cake, white elephant, membership info, cricket clothing, cricket memorabilia etc.
Arrange vacuum cleaners for end of work clean up
Plan more cloths, brushes, rollers, white spirit, buckets etc. than you think you need!
PA system, music, Master of Ceremony (provide schedule)
Invite local sporting/other celebrities
Invite professional players that have played for your club in the past
Invite the local school children/teachers to perform/entertain
Invite the media – have a media briefing sheet including names, titles and contact details
Invite school teachers from the local schools you are working in partnership with
Invite representatives from the local community groups you are working with i.e. youth clubs, brownies, scouts etc...
Invite your local Partnership Development Manager
Invite School Sport Co-ordinators at your local secondary schools
Invite the Primary Link Teachers at each of your local primary schools
Invite your local Sports Development Officer
Invite representative from your County Sports Partnership
Invite your County Cricket Development Manager
Invite representatives from your County Cricket Board
Invite representatives from your Regional Sport England Office or Regional Sports Board
Invite your local Parish/District/County Councillor and MP
Arrange a VIP to open facilities
Evening function BBQ/Band/Entertainment
Talk to other NatWest CricketForce participants/organisers and learn from their experiences or visit

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Health and Safety



It's very important that you're planning ahead for your NatWest CricketForce weekend and nothing is more important to plan than the Health and Safety of everyone at your club. With many jobs involving demolition and construction works, it is vitally important that each club takes steps to protect those individuals taking part. To do this each club should put together it's own health and safety plan for the works to be undertaken including assessing the likely risks of the work being undertaken and the measures that can be put in place to reduce these risks.

We have created a template Health and Safety plan to get you started, it can be found at www.ecb.co.uk/natwestcricketforce.

Let's have a look at what some clubs are doing for this year's NatWest CricketForce.

Barnsley CC, Yorkshire - Following the construction of a new pavilion the club will be carrying out much of the necessary internal decoration whilst also erecting a new score box.

Ashted CC, Surrey - The club are having their existing pavilion, outside toilets and equipment shed demolished and so will be getting to work on building replacement facilities.

Ipswich CC, Suffolk - Up to and including the NatWest CricketForce weekend will see the club building a new changing room block and score box as well as having shrubs and trees planted around the perimeter of the ground.

Calne CC, Wiltshire - Lots going on at this club - New equipment storage, new sightscreens, extended patio, pathway to clubhouse and fencing around the ground.

Kent CCC - This County Cricket Club are getting in on the NatWest CricketForce act and are getting to work on some improvement to their own ground including a new lick of paint for the whole ground.

Purley CC, Surrey - This club are re-decorating their pavilion and putting new paving down for their clubhouse as well as erecting picket fencing around the buildings.

Lytham CC, Lancashire - Lytham will be carrying on with their 3 year environmental project by looking at ways to reduce the use of fossil fuels. Along side this the club are working to help increase revenue for the club by erecting free standing advertising boards around the ground and nets area.

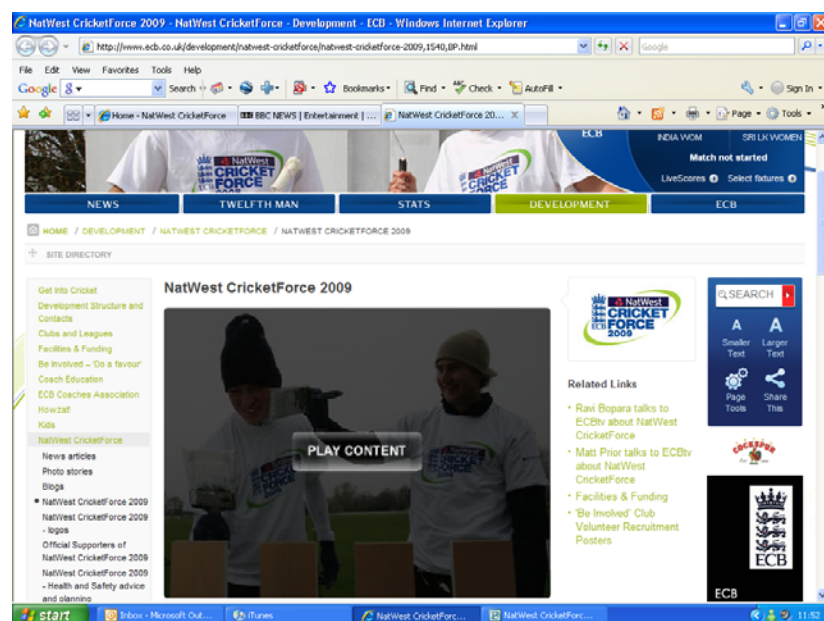


CRICKETFORCE DOESN'T FINISH ON THE 5TH APRIL!

Remember that NatWest CricketForce doesn't finish on Sunday 5th April; there's still plenty to be done! The following points are a few things for you to think about as you look past the hard work that will be undertaken on the CricketForce weekend.

- ◆ Send any photos that you have taken to your local press and media together with a press release to show your achievements
- ◆ Write to all volunteers and contributors to your NatWest CricketForce weekend to say Thank You and introduce them to other ways they may be able to help your club in the future i.e. key volunteer roles that need to be filled
- ◆ Get planning for your 2010 NatWest CricketForce, it's never too early to start thinking about it and the sooner you do the more you'll be able to maximise the benefits.
- ◆ MAKE SURE YOU FILL IN THE ONLINE EVALUATION FORM FOR NATWESTCRICKETFORCE 2009. THE INFORMATION IS VERY USEFUL FOR US AND YOUR CLUB, YOU CAN USE IT AS A STARTING BLOCK FOR NEXT YEAR AS YOU LOOK TO IMPROVE YOUR EVENT.

CLICK THE PICTURE BELOW TO GO TO THE WEBSITE AND SEE THE 2008 VIDEO TO REMIND YOU OF WHAT NATWEST CRICKETFORCE CAN DO FOR YOUR CLUB !!



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