

Members are requested to:

- NOTE the request from Swindon Cricket Club
- CONSIDER the request below to keep a set of covers on the recreation field during the season and when not in use to keep the frames on the grass on the far side of the parking area

Correspondence Received

I am a Committee Member of Swindon Cricket Club and manage the ground and prepare pitches at the County Ground. I also assist XXXX at Chestnut Springs by volunteering to complete some of the tasks that fall outside his normal brief or when he has other commitments. I haven't met either of you but I have spoken on the phone with XXX, and I have regularly caught up with XXX, your handyman at Chestnut Springs

I'd like to start this email by thanking Lydiard Millicent Parish Council for accommodating Swindon Cricket Club at Chestnut Springs for the past four years, during which time the pitches have steadily improved. As you know there was a hiccup this year due to a misunderstanding with the contractor who cuts the outfield, but thanks to your efforts I believe you have resolved that now. We are very keen to continue booking your ground for two of our Saturday teams.

We recently acquired a more modern roller at the County Ground, and so moved our previous roller up to Lydiard where it has helped prepare better wickets during the 2021 season. Now we would like to improve the pitches further by arranging to have a set of covers at Chestnut Springs that can be used to protect match pitches when there is rain forecast. Again this will benefit all the clubs that use the cricket facilities.

Would the Parish Council allow us to keep a set of covers on the recreation field? I'd suggest that when not being used to cover pitches they could be kept on the grass on the far side of the parking area, but of course we would fall in with any location you chose. In the winter we would remove the sheets from the covers and store them, keeping just the frames out in the open.