

Development Officer's Report 2020

We have welcomed one new club into the Federation during the year, The Croqueteers of Sedlescombe. Sedlescombe is near Hastings. They have received their starting pack of equipment from the Croquet Association.

Recently I went to visit the Sevenoaks Cricket and Hockey Club which is hoping to start a croquet club on the cricket out field. They are at a very early stage at present.

Two clubs have received grants from the CA during the year. West Worthing was given £1,900 towards the cost of installing solar panels on their clubhouse and Surbiton received £3,335 towards the cost of a new storage facility for compostable material before removal by a contractor for composting. The SECF also gave Surbiton £500.

Reigate Priory have applied for a grant of £1,000 towards their major lawn levelling project. £1,000 is the maximum grant available to a one-lawn club. Their application will be decided at a Development Committee meeting the day before our AGM.

Last year I mentioned that two clubs were threatened with closure or the loss of a lawn. I am glad to report that Hayes, Bromley and Keston have been able to move to a nearby bowls club which was closing. They have now changed their name to Bromley. Ealing, which is still threatened with the loss of a lawn, is continuing to fight hard and has won a stay of execution from their local council.

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