

# COUNTY GRANT FUND



## THATCHAM TOWN CC CASE STUDY

In 2022, Thatcham Town CC successfully accessed the County Grant Fund. The club approached Berkshire Cricket with a Tackling Climate Change themed project that would help them with saving energy.

The club had previously invested in an electronic scoreboard which was mounted on their scorers box, located on the opposite side of the ground to the pavilion and access to mains electricity. The scoreboard did not have access to electricity, so the scoreboard was running off a battery. The club had also secured funding from other sources to install a live streaming platform at the ground. This meant the club needed an alternative solution to provide power for the scorers and equipment. Initially the club explored installing an underground cable to connect the scoreboard to the mains power source. However, this would result in significant upfront and ongoing costs.

Having seen the Tackling Climate Change theme on the County Grant Fund, the club approached Berkshire Cricket with an alternative option to provide an off grid power solution by installing solar panels on the roof of the scorers box. The solar energy and storage solution now allows the club to power the equipment for free through renewable energy sources.

Through the England & Wales Cricket Trust's County Grant Fund, that is managed on the local by Berkshire Cricket, we were able to support the club with a grant towards 50% of the set-up costs.

