## Elford Cricket Club update 2021

The 2021 cricket season has started as scheduled this season and we have a very strong 1st XI side with a couple of new members from the village which is really good for the club. We have an U13's team for the first time and again have a few kids from the village in this team, we would like to encourage more to join, but we are competing with the extended rugby and football season, which has taken several children away from the team.

The uptake of our 8-week ECB program for 8-11 year old's has been excellent with our first session on Wednesday 13th May, with 24 kids signed up for 8 weeks of organised cricket and fun. It was great to see so many people from the village taking part. We have also managed to get an U10' team from this program, which means that along with training we have cricket fixtures almost every night of the week.

We have again been busy over the winter and continue to work on the nets area which is currently under renovation, we have replaced the matting and will be extending the batting cage, we hope to have this finished in the next week. We have bought some new machinery to maintain the wicket and have been tidying up the exterior of the shed by removing the old wood and repainting the main wall.

We would really like to get more volunteers from the village to help with ground maintenance and in general help around the club.