**CASTLE HILL CRICKET CLUB**

 PRESENTATION TO BRENCHLEY AND MATFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN DESIGN FORUM

CASTLE Hill Cricket Club is run by a trust which owns the ground and its buildings (machinery store, changing pavilion and clubhouse) inalienably for the purpose of a cricket club. The original landowner who donated the land and his successors in title retain a ransom strip at the edge of the road.

To prevent vandalism and unauthorised access, the gates to the Club ground are kept locked at all times when the ground and buildings are not being used by the Club or by authorised persons. There is no general public access, except during cricket matches or training, when anyone may enter and will be welcomed as a spectator, free of charge. There is a fee for adult membership or junior membership of the Club, to fund the running expenses of the Club. From time to time the Club holds fundraising events or rents out the ground for a small number of fixtures in order to fund necessary capital expenditure and repairs.

As well as a senior team, the Club has an active junior section (approximately 90 - 100 junior members), running teams at Under 8, 9, Under 11, Under 13 and Under 15. Girls and boys are welcome. Membership is open to all and the bulk of the membership is from or around Brenchley and Matfield. The Club is registered as a Clubmark club. Subscription fees are modest.

CHCC does not expect to undertake any major redevelopment in the next 20 years. However, the following are expected to be undertaken during this period, and funding towards them would be welcomed (provided it was not accompanied by unacceptable conditions):

* The provision of a gravel, concrete or tarmac drive into the car park and up to the clubhouse and treatment of the boggy patches in the car park (while retaining its grass surface)
* Replacement of the machinery store by a new machinery store of approximately the same size on the same site
* Improvement to the changing facilities, particularly for girls. This may possibly involve some enlargement of the changing pavilion.

Robert Akenhead

Club Chairman