



SEAHAM HARBOUR

CRICKET CLUB



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WELCOME TO SEAHAM HARBOUR CRICKET CLUB

MESSAGE FROM THE CLUB CHAIRMAN:

Welcome to Seaham Harbour Cricket Club, a proud, historic and community-driven club on the Durham coast. Our junior section continues to grow year on year, and we are committed to providing a safe, inclusive and enjoyable cricketing experience for every child — from beginners picking up a bat for the first time to experienced young players progressing through the age groups.

We believe in:

- Developing skills and confidence
- Encouraging teamwork and sportsmanship
- Creating a welcoming environment for all families
- Ensuring safeguarding and wellbeing are at the heart of everything we do

We are delighted to have you with us for the 2026 season.

Kind Regards

Robbie Soppitt

Junior Chairman

Seaham Harbour CC is a friendly, sociable and inclusive club which is ECB Clubmark accredited. We have a strong and successful junior pathway programme from U7 to U18 led by our Junior co-ordinator Nathan Holmes. We are continuing to grow our Girl's cricket and welcome all new starters irrespective of the amount of previous experience.

COACHES

At Seaham Harbour CC we have a team of dedicated volunteer coaches who are on hand to support all children and their parents with the cricketing journeys.

Nathan Holmes Junior Co-ordinator U13 Purple & U13 Girls	Robbie Soppitt Junior Chairman U15
Ian Dawson U13 Yellow	Bruce Wheatman U13 Purple
Caleb Lowerson Marshall U19 & Women Hardball	Regan Pattison U17
Robert Dunn U11 Yellow	Matthew Wilson U11 Yellow
David Wilson U11 Purple	Scott Sheriff U11 Purple
Anth Laidler U9	Iain Lamb U9
Simon Brown U9	Marty Cowell Harbour Hawks
James Smith Harbour Hawks	Eden Elstob U17 Girls & U15 Girls
Michelle Soppitt U11 Girls	Charlotte Hazel U13 Girl
Athena Elstob Coach	Grace Green Coach
Ollie Pattison Coach	

LOCATION

Our Home ground is New Drive, Seaham Harbour (SR7 7BX), this is adjacent to the local football pitch 'Wembley' there is ample parking next to the football pitch or you can park in a row against the cricket club wall but be careful of stray corky's!

CLUB BRANDING & IDENTITY



Our Primary Colours are Purple and Yellow. Purple denotes our 'B' Team and Yellow denotes our 'A' Team. As children progress they will move through both A and B teams depending on their age and experience.

CODE OF CONDUCT

01 For Junior Players

Players are expected to:

- Respect coaches, teammates, opponents and umpires
- Listen carefully and follow safety instructions
- Arrive on time for training and matches
- Wear correct kit and protective equipment
- Play fairly and uphold the spirit of cricket
- Never engage in bullying or exclusion
- Use social media responsibly
- Speak to a coach or the Welfare Officer if worried about anything

02 For Parents & Carers

Parents agree to:

- Support children positively
- Encourage fair play and respect
- Communicate respectfully with volunteers
- Ensure timely drop-off and collection
- Inform coaches of medical needs or absences
- Avoid coaching from the boundary
- Raise concerns appropriately

03 For Coaches & Volunteers

Coaches will:

- Prioritise children's safety and wellbeing
- Hold ECB coaching qualifications and DBS checks
- Model positive behaviour
- Create an inclusive environment
- Follow ECB Safe Hands safeguarding procedures
- Maintain professional boundaries



SUPERVISION OF CHILDREN ON CLUB GROUNDS

Seaham Harbour CC follows **ECB Safe Hands** guidance:

- Children must be supervised at all times during sessions
- Minimum of **two adults** present at all activities
- Parents remain responsible for children **before and after** sessions
- Siblings must be supervised by parents
- No child should be left unattended on club grounds
- Adults and children do not use changing rooms at the same time
- Photography follows ECB safeguarding rules

TRAINING SESSIONS

Expectations:

- Arrive 10 minutes early
- Bring water, appropriate kit and medication
- Wear helmets and protective equipment for hardball
- Respect coaches and follow instructions
- Parents may watch from designated areas

TRAINING SCHEDULE (2026 SEASON)

Girls Training	Wednesday	6:00pm – 8:00pm
U17s & U15s	Thursday	6:00pm – 8:00pm
U13s	Thursday	5:00pm – 6:00pm
U11s	Friday	6:00pm – 7:00pm
U9s	Friday	5:00pm – 6:00pm
Harbour Hawks	Friday	5:00pm – 6:00pm



MATCHES & COMPETITIONS

MATCH DAY EXPECTATIONS

Players should:

- Arrive 30 minutes before the start of the game to warm up
- Wear full club kit
- Bring drinks, snacks and weather-appropriate clothing
- Respect umpires and opposition
- Stay with the team unless given permission to leave

Parents should:

- Support positively
- Avoid criticism of players or officials
- Ensure safe transport arrangements

FIXTURES 2026

Below is the usual scheduling for all teams. However these fixtures may change due to attendance, game clashes, coach absence or inclement weather.

- U19s and U17s – Tuesdays
- U15s – Mondays
- U13s – Wednesday
- U11s – Sunday Morning
- U9s – Varies
- U17 Girls – Varies
- U15 Girls – Tuesdays
- U13 Girls – Monday
- U11 Girls – Thursday

Coaches will share information for all games using the Heja App (Boys teams) and via the SPOND app (Girls Teams).

Please Download the App and contact your coach for the Team Code.

Please go on to the training and games schedule and update your availability as soon as possible so that the coaches can select teams and put them out on the app.

KIT & UNIFORM

Required Kit

- Club shirt (purple/yellow)
- Club Jumper (purple/yellow)
- Cricket trousers
- Cricket shoes (spikes – to be used on the grass)
- Protective equipment (helmet, pads, gloves, box for boys)
- Cricket bat (It is important to measure the height of your child as to what size cricket bat they will need)

You can buy protective equipment from a variety of different sports shops or cricket shops. We do have some second-hand kit and equipment at the club. Please contact Nathan for more information.

We ask that when children outgrow their kit/equipment and it is of no use to your family, that if it is still in good condition you donate it to the cricket club to be passed on to other players.

Optional

- Club cap
- Kit bag

Safety Note: Helmets are mandatory for all junior hardball cricket.

Subs

Seaham Harbour Cricket Club will subsidise fees as much as we possibly can but there may be nominal charges for the summer season and a weekly payment of £3 towards winter nets.

OUR KIT PROVIDER



When you access the website:



Click on 'Club clothing cricket'



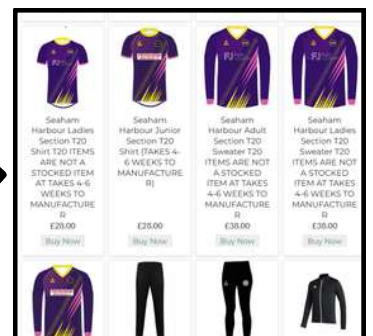
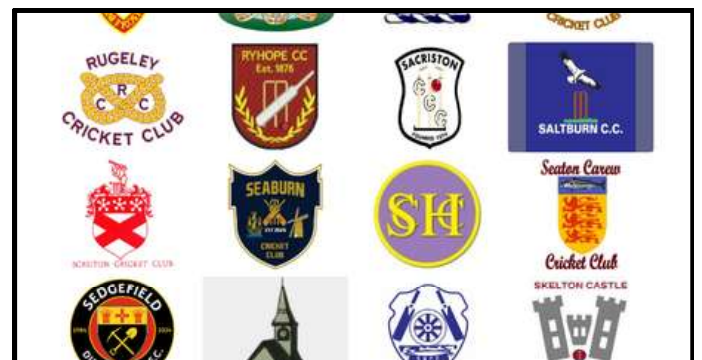
Click 'browse your club clothing'



Scroll to the SHCC Logo and click on it



BROWSE YOUR CLUB CLOTHING HERE



Make sure you select the 'junior' options. You will need the shirt, jumper and trousers. Please order them as soon as possible as they can take up to 6 weeks to deliver.

SAFEGUARDING & WELFARE

Seaham Harbour CC is committed to providing a safe environment for all children. We follow the ECB Safe Hands safeguarding framework.

Club Welfare Officer

Name: Julie Richardson

Email: jules_81@hotmail.co.uk

Phone: 07947673910

Safeguarding Principles

- The welfare of the child is paramount
- All children have the right to be safe and heard
- Concerns are taken seriously and acted upon
- Confidentiality is respected appropriately
- All volunteers are DBS-checked

How to Report a Concern

- Speak to the Club Welfare Officer
- Speak to a coach or team manager
- Contact the ECB Safeguarding Team
- If a child is at immediate risk, call 999

Safeguarding information

Help us keep your child safe by sharing any important information including any individual needs or medical conditions.

Ensure that we have up to date contact information for parents/carers/child.

If a child makes a disclosure of harm to any of the coaches, this will be taken seriously, reported immediately to Julie Richardson and if necessary a safeguarding referral will be made.

If your child makes a disclosure of harm regarding any of the cricket club personnel this will be reported immediately to Julie Richardson and Robbie Soppitt and appropriate action will be taken.

COMMUNICATION

The club communicates via:

Heja (for all of the boys teams)

HOW TO USE HEJA (Step-by-Step Guide)

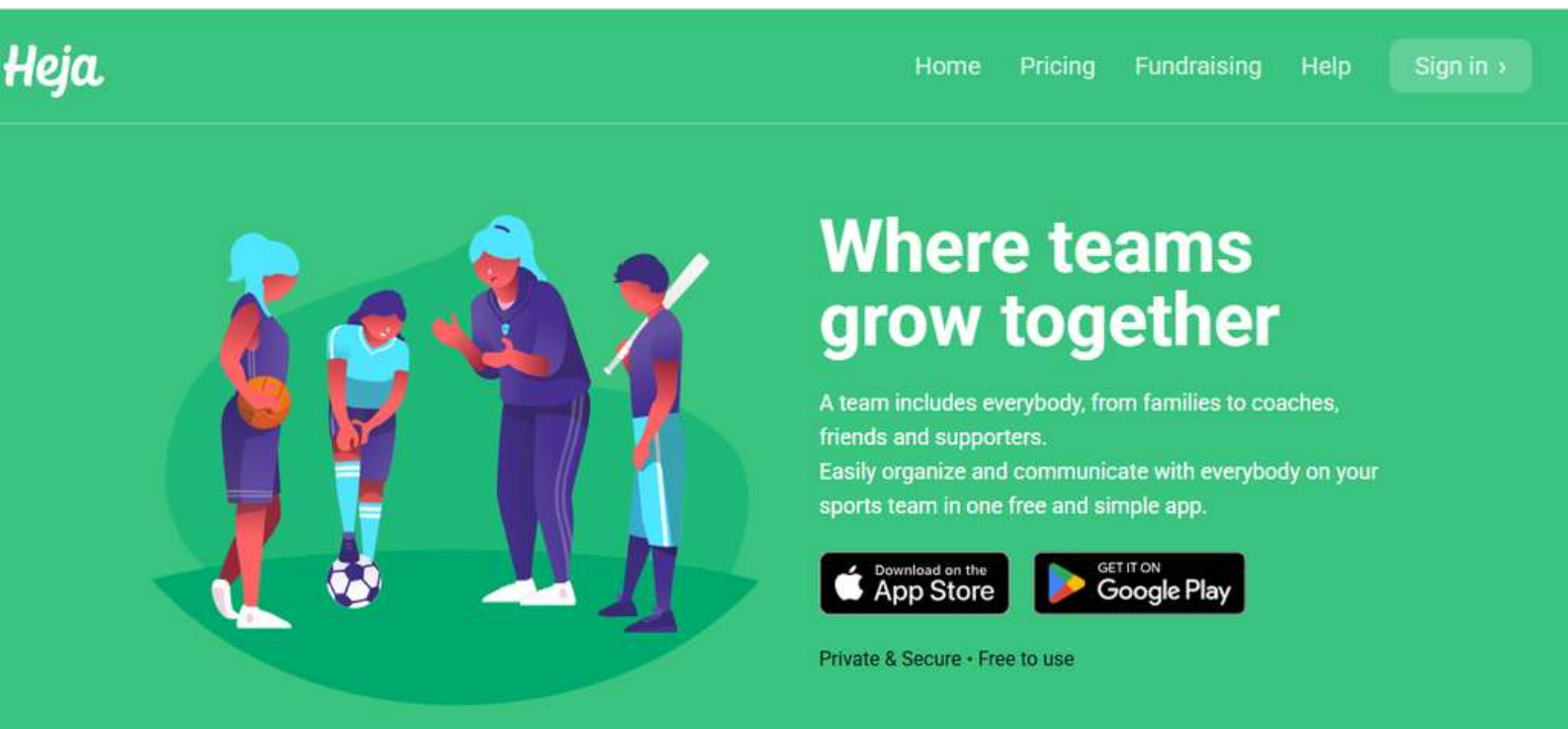
- A simple guide for parents, coaches and junior players
- Download the Heja App
- You need the app installed before joining your team.
- Go to the App Store (iPhone) or Google Play (Android)
- Search for Heja
- Tap Download or Install

Create Your Account

- Heja requires a parent or player profile to join a team.
- Open the app and tap Create Account
- Enter your name, email and create a password
- If you are a parent, choose Parent/Guardian when prompted

Join Your Team Using the Team Code

- Every team has a unique join code provided by the club or coach.
- Tap Join Team
- Enter the team code you received
- Select your child's name or add them if needed



Heja Home Pricing Fundraising Help [Sign in >](#)

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HEJA (CONT)

Set Up Notifications

Notifications ensure you never miss training or match updates.

·Profile → Settings → Notifications

- Enable Training reminders
- Enable Match reminders
- Turn on Messages so you receive coach updates

Respond to Training & Match Availability

- Open the Schedule tab
- Tap the event (training or match)
- Select Yes, No, or Maybe
- Add a note if needed (e.g., arriving late)

Use the Messaging Feature

Heja keeps all team communication in one place.

- Tap Messages at the bottom
- Read updates from coaches
- Send messages to the team or coach if appropriate
- Keep communication respectful and club-appropriate

Add Additional Parents or Carers

- You can link multiple adults to the same child.
- Go to Your Child's Profile
- Tap Add Parent/Guardian
- Enter their email/telephone number to invite them or send them the link to the app.

Update Your Child's Profile

Keeping details up to date helps coaches keep children safe.

- Add a profile photo (optional)
- Update medical information if needed
- Check emergency contact details are correct

Coaches rely on availability responses for planning. Please update your schedules as soon as possible and notify the coach of absence using the app. Please be aware that schedules can change on a daily basis.

Spond (for all of the girls teams)

HOW TO USE SPOND

- Download the Spond App
- Go to the App Store or Google Play
- Search for Spond
- Tap Install

Create Your Account

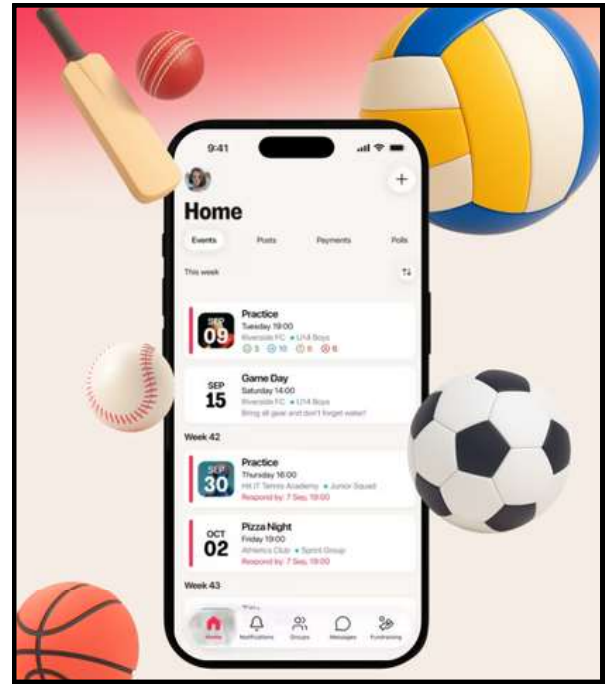
- Open the app
- Tap Create Account
- Enter your name, email and password
- If you are a parent, choose Parent/Guardian
- You can add your child during setup or later

Join Your Team

- Your coach or club will give you a group code.
- Tap Join Group
- Enter the code
- Select your child or add them if needed
- You'll now receive all team updates

Set Up Notifications

- Spond allows very specific notification settings.
- Recommended for parents:
 - Events (training/matches)
 - Messages from coaches
 - Availability reminders
- Go to: Profile → Settings → Notifications Respond to Availability
- Open the Events tab
- Tap the training session or match
- Select Going, Not Going, or Maybe
- Add a note if needed (e.g., "arriving late")



SPOND (CONT)

Messaging

- Use Messages for team updates
- Coaches may send direct messages to parents
- Parents can message coaches privately if needed

Adding Additional Parents/Carers

- Go to your child's profile
- Tap Add Guardian
- Enter their email
- They will receive an invitation to join

Updating Your Child's Details

Important for safeguarding and wellbeing.

- Add medical information
- Update emergency contacts
- Add a profile photo (optional)
- Inform coaches of any changes

Coaches rely on availability responses for planning. Please update your schedules as soon as possible and notify the coach of absence using the app. Please be aware that schedules can change on a daily basis.

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- WhatsApp via individual coaches or the junior co-ordinator who may contact you individually.
 - Club website: <https://seaham.play-cricket.com>.
 - Download the Play-Cricket Live app. Here you can access all of the competitions your child is in.



PLAY-CRICKET APP

PLAY-CRICKET
.COM



This gives you live scores, fixtures, results and player stats for all ECB-registered clubs.

- Open the App Store (iPhone) or Google Play (Android)
- Search for Play-Cricket Live
- Tap Install

Open the App and Allow Notifications

Notifications help you follow live scores, team selections and match results.

- Open the app
- Tap Allow Notifications when prompted
- Choose alerts for Live Scores, Results, or Team Announcements

Find Seaham Harbour Cricket Club

Adding the club makes fixtures and results easy to access.

- Tap the Search icon
- Type Seaham Harbour Cricket Club
- Select the club with the correct badge
- Tap Follow to add it to your favourites

Select Your Team(s)

You can follow multiple junior teams at once.

- Scroll to Teams
- Choose your child's team (e.g., U9, U11, U13, U15, U18, Girls U11/U15)
- Tap the ★ to favourite the team
- This adds fixtures and results to your home screen

View Fixtures & Match Details

You can see upcoming games, locations and start times.

Teams → Select Team → Fixtures

- Tap any fixture to view the ground, map, start time and competition
- Check if the match is Home or Away
- Some fixtures include team sheets when published

PLAY-CRICKET APP (CONT)

Follow Live Scores

Most junior matches are scored using Play-Cricket Scorer, so you can watch ball-by-ball updates.

- Tap the match once it starts
- Watch live scorecards, overs, wickets, and player stats update in real time
- Use the tabs for Batting, Bowling, Wagon Wheel, and Manhattan charts

Check Results & League Tables

Results update automatically once the scorer submits the match.

Teams → Select Team → Results / Tables

- View full scorecards
- Check league standings
- Compare team performance across the season

View Player Statistics

You can track your child's progress across the season.

- Tap Players on the team page
- Select a player to view batting, bowling and fielding stats
- Stats update automatically after each match

Use the Map for Away Games

The app links directly to ground locations.

- Open the fixture
- Tap the Map icon
- Use Google Maps or Apple Maps for directions

Customise Your Home Screen

You can personalise what you see first when opening the app.

- Tap Home
- Add or remove favourite teams
- Reorder teams by holding and dragging
- Enable or disable match notifications
- Social media (information only; photos require consent) At the start of the season you will sign a consent form that gives permission for photographs to be used on social media.

MEDICAL INFORMATION & INJURIES

In order for us to keep your child safe please note the following:

- Inform coaches of medical needs, allergies or injuries
- Medication must be labelled and handed to the coach if needed
- First aiders are present at sessions
- Injuries are recorded and shared with parents
- In emergencies, the club may act in loco parentis

CLUB VALUES

At Seaham Harbour CC, we want every child to:

- Feel welcome
- Feel safe
- Have fun
- Learn and grow
- Be part of a supportive team

*Thank
you!*

**FOR BEING PART OF OUR
CRICKETING COMMUNITY**