

# **Barbara Smith Trophy**

## **Tony Baxter**

This person joined his club in 1999 to support his son who wanted to play cricket there. He was not a regular cricketer.

He soon became interested in the sport, joining the clubs Management Committee, and began to assist with coaching in 2000, completing the ECB Level I qualification in that winter, and completing ECB Level II over the winter of 2001/02.

In 2002, using his engineering skills he designed and built the clubs first roll-on / roll-off practice nets.

He took on the role of U15's manager in 2004, and continued in this role for 8 years until moving to U11's manager in 2013. He continued in this role until he moved on to be U13's manager in 2016 & 2017.

He then extended his role to that of Junior Co-ordinator from 2018.

During his years as a Junior Manager he also took on the role of coaching the HJCL U11's league team for a number of years and can boast to have been involved in the coaching of one of Bradshaw's promising juniors, a certain Alex Lees.

Outside the regular season he has successfully entered and managed teams at all age groups in the Cricket Asylum's winter indoor competitions.

During his 18 years as Senior Coach at Blackley, he has meticulously prepared Session Plans for indoor and outdoor training sessions each year, as well as completing and documenting regular risk assessments for both the club facilities and the venues used for indoor nets.

On top of all his coaching commitments, he qualified and took on the additional role of Club Welfare Officer from 2007 to 2016.

Tony has been the heart and soul of junior cricket at this club over the last 20 years, held in the highest esteem by fellow coaches, parents and children alike, and responsible for so many juniors now playing the wonderful game of cricket.