

Derbyshire Dales Kwik Cricket Festivals.

As part of the emerging competition frameworks for sport within Derbyshire. Derbyshire Dales District Council in partnership with the Rural Derbyshire School Sports Partnership organised the local cluster kwik cricket festivals that feed into the County / Regional / National Frameworks.

30 Primary Schools from across Derbyshire Dales registered to take part in local cluster festivals that were kindly hosted by local cricket clubs in Matlock, Wirksworth, Clifton and Bakewell. These cluster festivals are all about giving more than 300 young people the opportunity to participate in competitive kwik cricket with the main outcomes being fun and enjoyment.

Unfortunately due to weather and England World Cup fixtures two of the Cluster festivals had to be cancelled at Wirksworth and Bakewell. This resulted in drawing out the two schools from these two clusters that would go forward to the district council final.

The other two Cluster festivals did go ahead at Matlock and Clifton despite the weather. These two festivals provided some excellent competitive cricket played with the right sporting nature by all schools that took part.

The schools that were eventually successful in reaching the District Final on Monday 19 June at Baslow Cricket Club were

Great Longstone
Pilsley
Middleton
All Saints A
Darley Dale
Castle View
Hulland
Parkside

Again despite the weather the District Final commenced at 4.15pm with a knockout tournament to find the eventual school that will go forward to represent Derbyshire Dales on Friday June 23 at Denby Cricket Club.

After three very close games Parkside Junior School came out on top as eventual district winners. Again all schools taking part thoroughly enjoyed the evening and the standard of cricket was of the highest quality for such a young age group.

The new frameworks that are being developed by governing bodies will go a long way to providing Derbyshire with the highest quality of young sportspeople together with new opportunities at a local level for all young people to participate within the various sports.

Thanks have to go to all the primary schools that took part along with all the clubs that have supported this very successful competition for Derbyshire Dales.



