



ESSEX

MEMBERSHIP GUIDE

2026 SEASON



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A MOMENTOUS SEASON AND A WORD
FROM ME, **YOUR NEW PRESIDENT...**

JOHN **LEVER**



How I wish I could turn back the clock and be out there helping our present team win a trophy this year – but they don't need me. It is a team with many star players who, I'm sure, will keep us entertained and in contention throughout the summer.

And what a summer it's set to be, as we celebrate the 150th year of a Club that means so much to us all. It's an honour to be Club President for such an occasion, one that will be met with heart-warming nostalgia as well as an eye to the future.

My start with Essex coincided with the building of the pavilion, which has served us well. But, the future looks set to feature an improved home ground. I am hopeful it'll be one that boasts updated facilities whilst retaining the character and cosiness that Chelmsford is known for – of which Members are a vital ingredient.

With the layout of the ground comes the feeling of support from just the other side of the boundary. Members supplied me with sweets and drinks during my time spent on the outfield, hence my being dubbed 'The Boundary Galloper'.

I look forward to meeting as many Members as possible during the season, but for some of you older Members, no questions about Eddie Hemmings, please! The nightmares are only just beginning to fade.

Enjoy the season, make lots of noise (the players can hear you).

CLUB PRESIDENT
JOHN K. LEVER

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

BENEFITS	ADULT*	JUNIOR
Entry to Essex home Rothesay County Championship games	●	●
Entry to Essex Men's & Women's home Metro Bank One Day Cup games	●	●
Discounted tickets for Men's home Vitality Blast group stage games	●	
Entry to all Women's home standalone Vitality Blast group stage games	●	●
Discounted tickets for International games	●	
Priority booking for home Vitality Blast group stage games	●	●
Priority booking should Essex progress to any white ball home knockout stage	●	●
Guest entrance into Members' areas**	●	●
Exclusive Member pin badge	●	
Invite to Member events	●	
Full voting rights and access to Report & Accounts***	●	
Discounted Essex Cricket Yearbook (free with Life Membership)	●	●
Discount vouchers from the Essex Cricket Store	●	●

* Includes all Life Membership and all +18 Single and Joint

** Limit applies, guest must purchase a valid matchday ticket

*** 2025 Report & Accounts will be emailed to all Members

RECIPROCAL BENEFITS (available to all +18 Members)

Free/discounted entry to Rothesay County Championship matches across the UK when Essex are NOT the opponent:

Free entry - Sussex, Worcestershire, Nottingham, Warwickshire, Somerset, Yorkshire, Leicestershire, Glamorgan, Lancashire*

Members' Area - Surrey, access to Members' areas with the purchase of a matchday ticket, when Essex **ARE** the opponent

Discounted Entry - Gloucestershire £5, Kent £7

Free entry to UK racecourses on selected dates in 2026:

Huntingdon - Tuesday 19 May

Newmarket - Friday 30 October, Saturday 31 October

Hickstead - Thursday 23 July, Saturday 25 July

* Free if you do not live within 15 miles of Emirates Old Trafford, Manchester

MEMBERS' GUEST INFO

Members' Guests are permitted into all Member only areas (including the Doug Insole Pavilion) as follows:

Rothesay County
Championship
MAX 4

Metro Bank
One Day Cup
MAX 2

Vitality
Blast
MAX 1

Members can gain admittance to the ground as follows:

Rothesay County
Championship
60 MINS

Metro Bank
One Day Cup
60 MINS

Vitality
Blast
90 MINS

Members' guests must be in possession of a valid matchday ticket to gain entry. Essex Cricket reserves the right to refuse guest entry to Member only areas on busy days.

DATE	FIXTURE	COMPETITION
APRIL		
Fri 10 - Mon 13	Essex Men v Somerset	Championship
Sat 18	Essex Women v Warwickshire	One Day Cup
Sat 25	Essex Women v The Blaze	One Day Cup
MAY		
Wed 06	Essex Women v Lancashire	One Day Cup
Fri 08 - Mon 11	Essex Men v Hampshire	Championship
Fri 15 - Mon 18	Essex Men v Leicestershire	Championship
Fri 22	Essex Women v Warwickshire Bears Essex Men v Sussex Sharks	T20
Mon 25	ECB Development XI v India Women	WIT20
Thu 28	England Women v India Women	WIT20
Sun 31	Essex Women v Lancashire Thunder Essex Men v Derbyshire Falcons	T20
JUNE		
Sun 07	Essex Women v Hampshire Hawks	T20
Tue 09	Essex Men v Kent Spitfires	T20
Sat 13	Essex Women v Durham	One Day Cup
Wed 17	Essex Women v Hampshire	One Day Cup
Fri 19 - Mon 22	Essex Men v Nottinghamshire	Championship
Sun 21	Essex Women v TBC	Cup
Thu 25	England Women A v India Women A	WIT20
Sun 28	Essex Women v The Blaze	T20
JULY		
Wed 01	Essex Men v Surrey	T20
Sun 05	Essex Women v Surrey Essex Men v Middlesex	T20
Tue 07	Essex Women v Somerset	T20
Fri 10	Essex Men v Hampshire Hawks	T20
Sun 26	Essex Men v Derbyshire	One Day Cup
Fri 31	Essex Men v Hampshire	One Day Cup

2026 HOME FIXTURES

DATE	FIXTURE	COMPETITION
AUGUST		
Sun 02	Essex Men v Worcestershire	One Day Cup
Tue 11	Essex Men v Yorkshire	One Day Cup
Wed 19	Essex Women v Somerset	One Day Cup
Thu 27 – Sun 30	Essex Men v Surrey	Championship
SEPTEMBER		
Wed 02 – Sat 05	Essex Men v Sussex	Championship
Sun 06	Essex Women v Surrey	One Day Cup
Wed 09	Essex Women v Yorkshire	One Day Cup
Fri 11	England Lions v Sri Lanka Men	T20
Tue 15 – Fri 18	Essex Men v Warwickshire	Championship

Rothsay County Championship	Championship
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Vitality Blast	T20
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Metro Bank One Day Cup	One Day Cup
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England Fixture	WIT20, WT20, T20
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Double Header 

All England fixtures shown
in **BOLD**

T20 Women's County Cup	Cup
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Please see **page 11** for
150th celebration fixtures

MATCHDAY INFO

*Group Stage Only

SEATING AREAS **County Championship & One Day Cup***

Members and their guests can sit anywhere in the ground on matchdays. The 'Members' Only' area is clockwise from the Doug Insole Pavilion to Block 9.

SEATING AREAS **Vitality Blast**

The 'Members' Only' area is the Pavilion Benches and is unallocated seating. All other areas are open to everyone and can be booked as allocated seats (Blocks 2-31/any named stand) or unallocated (The Eagles Area). The Family Stand is in Blocks 30 and 31. **Blocks 27-29 are strictly alcohol free for all Vitality Blast fixtures.**

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Essex Cricket Membership cards are **NON-TRANSFERABLE** (except transferable Corporate/Club Memberships) and lending a card to a non-Member is a breach of club rules. **The Club reserves the right to revoke and invalidate anyone in breach of these rules. Lost Membership cards are subject to a £5 administration fee.**

INTERVALS

If spectators are permitted on the outfield on any given matchday (not Vitality Blast fixtures) please be aware that hard cricket balls are not allowed and will be confiscated if used. **Please keep off the square at all times.**

METEORWAY

The Meteor Way Car Park (CMI 2RL) in 2026 for all formats will be chargeable as follows:

* Includes every home match in 2026 (where car park is available)

• **£55** Rothesay County Championship + Metro Bank One Day Cup pass*

• **£45** Rothesay County Championship pass*

- **£3 in advance** (booked online or via ticket office) or **£4 on the day** (card payment only)

Make a 2026 Membership referral and receive **£75 each!**

ACCESSIBILITY

MOVEMENT

Please remain seated during overs. Please only vacate or return to your seat between each over so as not to disrupt spectator viewing and please adhere to steward instructions at all times.

OTHER ACCESSIBILITY

For any specific access requirements, or for more information, please contact the Membership & Ticket Office on 01245 254010.

Membership literature is available on request and an induction loop is available for use in the Membership & Ticket Office and Doug Insole Pavilion Bar.

Guide/Hearing dogs are welcome throughout the ground. Green lanyards are available from the Membership & Ticket Office to identify Members who may need assistance during their visit.

SEATING

Wheelchair accessible areas are located in the Tom Pearce Lower (Block 1) and The Kenton Group Stand (Blocks 30 & 31). For Vitality Blast fixtures, there is additional availability in the Eagles Area.

GROUND ENTRY

Members and supporters with limited mobility/requiring step free access are advised to enter the ground via the Shire Gate for accessible parking or drop-offs or the Main Gate on New Writtle Street for public access. The Tees River Gate is now wheelchair accessible.

By entering the ground all visitors are expected to abide by the terms & conditions and ground regulations of the Club. Full Ground regulations are displayed at all entry points and are available at www.essexcricket.org.uk.

150 YEARS OF ESSEX CRICKET



WHAT THE YEAR 2026 LOOKS LIKE...

THE 1876 GATE FORMAL OPENING

FRIDAY 10 APRIL

Join us on the first day of the season for the opening of **The 1876 Gate**. This will serve as a direct link between Central Park and the Ambassador Cruise Line Ground via Century Tower.

ESSEX V LEICESTERSHIRE FIRST-CLASS ANNIVERSARY

FRIDAY 15 MAY

Celebration of our first, first-class fixture vs Leicestershire on 14, 15 & 16 May 1894.

This event features the Greene King Real Ale Festival (15th – 17th May) and President & Past Players' Day.

HOUSE OF COMMONS DRINKS RECEPTION

MONDAY 01 JUNE

This event is included in the 150th Anniversary Patron Package.

For more information please contact:
partnerships@essexcricket.org.uk

GOLF DAY
BENTON HALL

WEDNESDAY 24 JUNE

This event will be raising funds for the Essex Cricket Foundation.

For more information on how to enter a team, or enquire about playing as an individual, please email: partnerships@essexcricket.org.uk

TEAM TEN DOESCHATE V TEAM GOOCH
ESSEX LEGENDS T20 MATCH

FRIDAY 24 JULY

Join us for a celebratory exhibition match between two sides packed with Essex legends, coached by Ryan Ten Doeschate and Graham Gooch OBE.

Members will be informed when tickets are on sale.

HOME GROUNDS VISIT
SPONSORED WALK

DATE TBC

Join us for a sponsored walk visiting all the grounds where Essex have played first-class cricket.

To register your interest in taking part, please email: events@essexcricket.org.uk

150 YEARS MEMBERS PATRON PACKAGE	£15
150 YEARS SUPPORTERS PATRON PACKAGE	£150
150 YEARS SPONSORS PATRON PACKAGE	£1,500

To find out more information about **150 Year Anniversary Patron Packages**, please email partnerships@essexcricket.org.uk or go to <https://tickets.essexcricket.org.uk/content>



STARS OF LONDON'S
WEST END PERFORM
AN EVENING OF
QUEEN

A dazzling collection of performers from London's West End, including former stars from the smash hit musical 'We Will Rock You', come together to present an incredible tribute to one of the world's great rock bands. Backed by a phenomenal West End band and featuring dozens of hits from an astonishing back catalogue, this is a unique and stunning concert evening no Queen fan should miss!

SATURDAY 22 AUGUST
AMBASSADOR CRUISE LINE GROUND



OTHER EVENTS

**150th ANNIVERSARY BLACK
TIE GALA DINNER**
INCLUDING 2026 PLAYER AWARDS

TUESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER
HYLANDS HOUSE
CHELMSFORD

LORD'S LONG ROOM
CHRISTMAS DINNER

WEDNESDAY 02 DECEMBER
LORD'S CRICKET GROUND

For more information, please email:
events@essexcricket.org.uk

CHRISTMAS LUNCHES

2026 Members' Christmas Lunch dates are as follows:

THURSDAY 03 DECEMBER

THURSDAY 10 DECEMBER

Experience a traditional Christmas Lunch exclusive to Essex Members. Enjoy a great meal followed by guest speakers and wonderful views, situated in The Doug Insole Pavilion.

PRICES

To book, please contact:

MEMBERS - £40

kimberley.roig@essexcricket.org.uk
01245 254035

NON-MEMBERS - £45



GROUND MAP
AMBASSADOR CRUISE LINE GROUND,
NEW WRITTLE STREET,
CHELMSFORD, CM2 0PG

STANDS/SEATING AREAS
FOOD/BARS
OTHER AREAS

Membership & Ticket Office

membership@essexcricket.org.uk

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01245 254010

(Monday - Friday, 10am - 4pm)

General Enquiries

questions@essexcricket.org.uk

01245 252420

Hospitality

hospitality@essexcricket.org.uk

01245 254120

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events@essexcricket.org.uk

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The Essex Cricket Store

shop@essexcricket.org.uk

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