



Amersham Cricket Club Report

Amersham Cricket Club has made a bright start to the 2026 season, with plenty of encouraging signs already appearing across the senior teams, the junior section and wider club life.

As ever, the opening weeks of an English cricket summer have brought a little bit of everything: changing weather, the odd disrupted fixture and the annual process of remembering that standing in a field for several hours is apparently meant to be enjoyable. Even so, the club has begun the year with real momentum. There have been strong early results, some excellent individual performances, a busy junior fixture list and a healthy amount of activity away from the square too.

The biggest early headline has been the form of the Saturday 1st XI. After an internal fixture in mid-April, Amersham followed up with an impressive three-wicket away win over Uxbridge on 25th April and then a seven-run home victory against Hillingdon Manor on 2nd May, settled under the DLS method. The runs came thickly enough to keep scorers busy, with Agastya Bairneni producing a superb 127 against Uxbridge before adding 73 against Hillingdon Manor, while Jimi Chialoufas also started the season in fine touch with scores of 63 and 68. The Saturday 2nd XI suffered an early defeat to Uxbridge 2nd XI but responded in exactly the right way with an emphatic 80-run win over Hillingdon Manor 2nd XI.

Whilst the pre-season results were encouraging, the 1st and 2nd XI didn't get off to the best of starts in the

league with losses against Tring Park 1st XI and Slough 2nd XI respectively. However, whilst this start was disappointing, further down the leagues in the 3rd and 4th XIs, both had emphatic victories against Woburn Narkovians 2nd XI and Slough 8th XI. The 3rds posted a magnificent 299 off 45, largely due to Joe Shuttle's glorious century, but with solid contributions from Shuvadip Basu and Neil Chahal. Woburn fell 70 runs shy in the 45th over following a tidy bowling spell from David Atkinson and sharp slip fielding by Chris Fleming. The 4s walloped Slough 8s chasing down 180 in a mere 20 overs – with Sehar Ahmed getting a quick 90 off 53 balls – including 7 sixes!

Sunday cricket and the T20 programme have also added to a busy early schedule, giving players plenty of opportunities to contribute in different formats. That breadth matters. A strong club is not just about one successful side; it is about having depth, commitment and enough people willing to spend their weekends discussing cover drives, selection politics and whether the forecast really does look better after lunch.



The same is true of the junior section, which has got going quickly across multiple age groups, including the Under-10, Under-11, Under-13 and Under-14 teams. Early fixtures against clubs such as Beaconsfield, Chalfont St Peter, Chalfont St Giles, Gerrards Cross and High Wycombe show just how active the programme already is. For any community club, that matters enormously. The

strength of the junior set-up says a great deal about the health of the club, and it is especially pleasing to see so many young players involved so early in the season. It also helps reinforce the pathway into senior cricket, ensuring that the future of the club is being built from the bottom up.

Off the field, Amersham has also started the year in lively fashion. Initiatives such as the Easter Cricket Camp have helped keep younger players engaged before the season moved fully into gear, while the fixture list points to a busy and vibrant few weeks ahead around the grounds. Cricket Camps are also coming up in the May half term. The club's social calendar should also play a big part over the summer, with large events such as the Summer Party (20th June 2026), Shardsfest – Shake your Booty DJ (18th July 2026) and The Fanzone – Football World Cup outdoor screen (19th July) see full page advert on page 37 – set to bring together large parts of the community. On a smaller scale, the bar is open on Fridays and is a lovely way to unwind following a hectic week, with a glass (or two) of prosecco, rose and an amber nectar of your choosing.



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