

OHA CRICKET

OHACC Season Summary 2025

The 2025 season was a successful one for the Old Hamptonians Cricket Club, both on and off the field.

In the league, the 1st XI bounced back from last year's disappointment to secure promotion back to Division 1 of the Surrey Championship. The 2nd XI held their own in a newly restructured Division 4, finishing solidly mid-table against strong opposition including several 1st XIs. On the adjacent pitch, the 3rd XI claimed back-to-back titles, while the 4th XI were unfortunate to just miss out on promotion themselves.

Away from league cricket, the U21s had an excellent season in Surrey's top tier, narrowly missing out on the semi-finals. Both the 1st and 2nd XIs enjoyed strong T20 cup runs, highlighted by the 1st XI's memorable win over Sunbury at Dean Road. The 5th XI also enjoyed another positive season, completing over a dozen fixtures with a winning record.

These achievements were all the more impressive given the loss of several key players to injury and emigration. Recruitment therefore became crucial across the club. Pre-season saw the arrivals of James Kinder, Mayank Dasannacharya OH (2020) and Joe Banks into the senior setup. The major boost, however, came through U21s captain Leo Hartley OH (2024), whose efforts brought a wave of talented Hampton School players into the club. The number of current sixth formers representing OHACC passed into double figures for the first time in eight years — including school 1st XI captain Anuj Srivastav OH (2025), whose runs at the top of the order proved vital in the 1st XI promotion push.

Off the field, the club continued to thrive. The Brian Gray Memorial Six-a-Side raised £500 for Mind and boosted club funds while remaining one of the most enjoyable days in the calendar. A 20-strong touring party headed to Leeds, and the club social atmosphere remains one of the best in Surrey.

Thank you to all members, volunteers and supporters for their contributions throughout 2025, with particular recognition to 'Clubman of the Year' and 1st XI captain Rob Bentley OH (2015). Looking ahead to 2026, we are excited to see how the 1st and 3rd XIs adapt to their new divisions and have genuine ambitions for deep cup runs — particularly in the U21 and Cricketer's Cup competitions. Above all, we remain committed to maintaining the club spirit and unity that defines OHACC.