

Chairman's Report 2017

This has been a very quiet year for ESCUSA. In January/February over three Saturdays, John Flatley organised a level 1 course at Reigate. This went well. But from now on, Level 1 courses will be organised centrally and there will be no direct input from ESCUSA although our tutors may continue to be used. This link to (mainly) local new umpires and scorers is now severed, and, therefore there will be no direct recruitment to the Association. Recruits will not have that early link to East Surrey and will see no reason to join the organisation. The number of new members joining will dwindle away.

A Level 1A course planned, was cancelled due to there being only one applicant.

There has been the need for only two committee meetings this year. The first in February heard the usual reports from Training Officer and Treasurer but the only substantive item was to discuss the poor attendance at the AGM. The second committee meeting in October was to discuss the forthcoming AGM. We have not been busy.

Over the years we have tried to organise social events but have been hampered by the number of members willing to participate. This is a great pity, but understandable. We are all busy. Further it is relatively easy for an Association such as Croydon to engage in regular meetings. Their area is much more compact and public transport is so much better. There are not too many of us who wish to drive several miles to (say) a pub, and then not have a drink all evening!

I would finally like to thank all my colleagues and friends on the committee. All of us are committed to support Cricket in the area and within Surrey

John Moulton