

I am writing to you this evening to inform you of our decision, that it is with deep regret that the 1st XI of Westland Sports CC have no option but to withdraw from the Somerset division of the WEPL with immediate effect.

It is widely known that our club is in a period of transition and faces a number of challenges, both on and off the field. As a club we have experienced a massive decline in our senior, or 1st XI, playing membership through retirements and players looking for challenges elsewhere, and we do not feel that we are in a position to field a competitive and consistent first XI commensurate with the standards expected in the WEPL. We continue to have a blossoming youth structure and it is our intention to look to continue to develop a playing membership competing in competitive fixtures within the SCL structure.

I appreciate that this news will not be welcomed so close to the seasons start, but please understand that this decision has not been taken lightly or without a great deal of soul searching within the committee and the wider membership at our club. As a committee and with consultation with senior players and members we have explored a number of alternative avenues, however none of them offer the level of satisfaction or opportunity to secure our long term future that the reluctant withdrawal from the WEPL structure would. We feel that it is better known now, for all parties concerned, so that measures can be put in place ahead of the season, rather than pulling out mid way through the year.

Please feel free to contact either myself or the club chairman Rob Fox for any further clarification or information.

Kind regards,

Nick Hallam
Secretary, Westland Sports CC