

## **BENEFITS TO DIFFERENT CLUB GROUPS**

### **Senior Players :**

- Opportunity to progress through different teams in a structured way so step ups/downs are not so dramatic
- A larger player base means team strength is likely to be more consistent, have a full compliment of players and fewer scratched matches due to availability.
- Stronger club revenues along with greater access to grants will enable investment in practise facilities and, with the use of two squares, practice on real wickets will be more regular. Greater player/coaching strength will make practice sessions more useful.
- Friendly/ Sunday cricket can expand with the potential to play on three grounds and possibility of mid- week matches.
- Player pathways for more senior representation at county level could be either through Bucks or Herts
- Annual subscriptions for playing can be maintained at reasonable levels.

### **Colts**

- Coaching and practice will be improved with more access to coaches and equipment
- Strengthened colts teams playing competitive matches in all age groups
- Opportunity for senior representation at county levels either via Herts or Bucks
- Increased opportunity to play for senior cricket teams on Saturdays and Sundays together with manageable 'steps up ' as junior players progress .

### **Social**

- A broader membership base will provide more opportunities to meet and socialise
- More teams in more leagues will allow opportunities to visit grounds not previously seen and /or help at two/three grounds when at home.
- Investment in facilities will encourage more sociability and engender pride in the new club.

### **Club Officers/management**

- Broader membership will enable the management load to be spread more evenly
- Club finances will be easier to administer, revenues should be stronger and economies of scale should follow eg investment in ground maintenance equipment can be common
- Access to grants should be easier as not competing locally for funds
- County (whichever one) should be more supportive of a growing, stronger club