

# Kennington CC - Pitch Roller

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Dear members and parents,

As you probably know, the ground maintenance equipment we use at the club is owned by the club and has been around for quite a while. Many people have put in time and money to keep the equipment running, however we are getting to the point where some of the tools are simply beyond reasonable reliability. Our most pressing need at the moment is to replace our roller. We had the engine overhauled last winter – however, it is a 50 year old engine and while it's running at the moment, I think it is on its last legs and could give up any time, as it did at the end of last season.

Prices for a replacement roller range from about £4,000 to £7,000 depending on the roller. At the cheaper end they are used and re-conditioned rollers, at the higher end we could get a new roller that is specifically aimed at smaller cricket clubs (low / simple maintenance, compact for easy storage, variable weight with water ballast, etc.). In speaking with a few suppliers they all recommend a small, new machine which they say should give us 20-30 years of service.

The club doesn't have enough money to buy a roller – we have about £1,500 in reserves and I'm expecting about £600 shortfall this year. I have asked the Parish Council if they can help and am waiting for a response. Which bring me to the point of this letter...

**Can you help us raise the money for a replacement roller?** The target is £7000 which includes the roller + VAT, transporting it to the club, and a few maintenance bits and pieces. You can help either by donating money to this fund, or if your company / any company you know might be interested in sponsoring the purchase – basically, anything you can do to fill this fund is what we need.

*I'm not planning to broadcast the names of donors/sponsors, however if a sponsor wants some publicity we could put their name on the roller/website, etc. For the right price of course ☺ Also, donations are not tax deductible.*

On a related note, this year I'll try to make sure all our equipment (tractor, mowers, etc.) is maintained to a reasonable level. Some things we have to pay for (sharpening blades etc.) however there is a lot that can be done by someone with a reasonable knowledge of mechanical things. If you are interested in helping on this front, please let me know – its fun playing with almost-vintage stuff!

I'll put some info on our website ([www.kenningtoncc.org](http://www.kenningtoncc.org)) to track our progress towards our target.

Many thanks!

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