

## 2016 Season News

2016 has been a busy year for ESU. The first of our cricket installations was in February and the last of our standard cricket scoreboards left the factory in August. During this time we installed scoreboards all over the country and constructed a variety of custom boxed scoreboards. Some of our favourites are included in this newsletter.

### Digital Advertising and Message Board At Shifnal CC

ESU first provided Shifnal CC with costings and designs for converting their scoreboard in late 2013, but due to other issues at the club, the project was put on the back burner until early this year.

The club was hoping to attract a sponsor and display an advert on the scoreboard, but there wasn't really enough room to include it. ESU suggested that they might consider a moving message panel located in the apex of the scoreboard.

The final design was agreed in mid March and with an important county game scheduled for the middle of May, the installation had to be completed before the end of April. The panels for the fascia were cut to size and



glazed in our factory together with the lift out scorer's window. A separate box was constructed to house the 8" alpha-numeric display panels and everything was transported to site, where the first job was to remove the old fascia. Once this had been done three rows of blockwork were cut out and the opening also extended width ways to accommodate the required information. A replacement framework was fitted so that the new fascia could be installed, followed by the electronic scoreboard kit and message panel. ESU designed and wrote specialist software for the alpha-numeric panel which allows static or moving messages to be displayed and can be programmed with adverts and so raise funds for the club.

### Solar Power Is Just the Job At Westbury CC

Westbury CC wanted to refurbish their scoreboard and fit electronic digits. There was no mains power in the box, which is situated some distance from the clubhouse, so installing a supply would have been very costly. We were able to provide them with a system that operates from 12V DC and leisure batteries can easily run the scoreboard for the duration of a match. The club has installed a solar panel on the roof which now recharges dual batteries sufficiently to play cricket on consecutive days.



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### Custom Design Boxed Scoreboards

We received a number of requests for custom designed boxes this year, some of which are shown here.

#### Essex CCC

Modular scoreboard consisting of three boxes which can be dismantled and easily repositioned during development at the county ground in Chelmsford.



#### Folkestone CC

Oversized scoreboard with clock to replace one supplied by a competitor.



#### Tickhill CC

Custom 19 digit box with Batsman numbers and scores in 10" digits.



#### Stony Stratford CC

Having seen the ESU scoreboard at Bedford School, the club wanted something similar.



#### Garboldisham CC

Custom 15 digit design in over-size box with Total in 15" digits.

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### And finally... Whimble CC



Ben Silk first contacted us in 2013 and after a couple of years fundraising the club were able to proceed with their plans for an electronic scoreboard for the 2016 season. Having looked at our standard range of boxed scoreboards, they wanted something larger and more in keeping with their rural surroundings. ESU came up with a design which satisfied all their requirements.

Members of the club built an oak frame into which we installed three pre-fabricated panels. We then fitted the LED digits and electronics and finished by paneling in the back. The club added the finishing touches - clock, bench and flowers.

Ben said " It's just how I envisaged it when I first got in touch with you nearly three years ago! I have spent many an hour under that scoreboard, as have many players, old and young. Thank you so much"