

To All Shenfield CC Members and interested parties,

Shenfield CC has launched an **online petition** to ask our MP **Alex Burghart** & local Councilors to support players, parents and members of Shenfield Cricket Club from a significant threat of closure.

The existence of Shenfield Cricket Club is once again under the spotlight as Brentwood Borough Council are making overtures to assume total control, management and retention of the income generated from our car park as well as threatening to evict us from the second pitch - **we must stop this action or risk losing the Club.**

Although we are protected under a Deed of Gift, the Council argue that our Club is a Council Asset, as is the car park, and therefore they have the right to use it as they wish. By splitting the Club into parts they can effectively, asset strip and leave us without any means of generating income. If the Council is successful with their plans, it will become a major issue for the viability of our Club - this threat cannot be overstated. Please note, and not to be too dramatic, if the Club folds the Council take ownership of the land.

As a community hub, SCC offer opportunities for local people, young and old, to play, watch and be part of a wonderful cricket family which provides physical and mental health benefits and fosters a strong sense of community.

Remarkably, SCC has an amazing level of success with home-grown players representing Essex and now England at the various age groups and can assume we are cultivating the talent for the future. Yet, inexplicably, the Council fails to embrace this success and only looks for short term gain at the expense of the Club's extinction...

This situation is avoidable and completely unacceptable.

We need a significant number of people - Players/Members/Colts parents/interested parties to lobby against this opportunistic behaviour by the Council to **Save Our Club**. Please also forward this on to relatives, friends, Ex SCC members & colleagues at other clubs who have enjoyed the facilities, the wonderful teas and welcome provided by Shenfield CC over the years, and who share our passion of encouraging local youngsters (and adults) to play cricket!!

This is a significant threat to the long term existence of Shenfield Cricket Club, and we encourage you to add your signature in support of repelling this Council action.

It's free and takes just a few seconds of your time.

Instructions:

Click on "Sign Petition" at bottom of link

1st box - Enter your name

2nd box - Enter your email address

3rd box - Enter your comments

Click on "Sign Now"

"Save Shenfield Cricket Club"

<https://www.ipetitions.com/petition/save-shenfield-cricket-club>