

Case Study

Christ Church

4 Lane Cricket Coaching and Practice Facility

Christ Church is one of the largest colleges in Oxford and was founded in 1524 by Cardinal Wolsey as Cardinal's College. The Christ Church sports ground is among the best with excellent facilities for Football, Rugby, Tennis, Multi-use Games and Cricket.

The brief was to design a state of the art cricket coaching and practice facility providing a consistent ball bounce and pace in all weather conditions. And it should not require 'in season' rolling.

Therefore, S&C Slatter proposed the ECB-approved Notts Sport NottsBase® D System specification to meet this brief with the premium NottsGrass NG12 surface installed over the full 26m x 15.25m footprint in contrasting shades of green. The ECB-recommended 4m high cage and netting structure was finished in PPC green to minimise visual impact, and features 3.2mm thick tubular steel for enhanced strength.

Two double outdoor power points in galvanised cabinets are integrated into the facility allowing bowling machines to be plugged directly into the nets structure, avoiding trailing cables to an alternative power source.

Client: Christ Church

Facility: 4 Lane Cricket Coaching and Practice Facility. 584m²

ECB-approved Notts Sport NottsBase® D System NG12 to the entire area.

Low maintenance artificial grass surrounds in contrasting colour green.

ECB-recommended cage and netting structure with independent tunnel nets and tensionable line-wire system.

Two double outdoor power points with galvanised cabinets for bowling machine operation.





“ S&C Slatter have provided Christ Church with a new 4-lane net facility that allows the College team to participate in high-quality training. The conditions provided by the nets very much replicate what you would expect from a grass wicket, with a realistic bounce and a surface that offers benefits to both spin and seam bowlers. Users have described the resource as ‘fantastic’.”

Professor Jason Davis, Christ Church