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# Devon Cricket Development Tour - South Africa 2022

**Matt Cooke | Joint Tour Manager 2022**

## Why tour South Africa?

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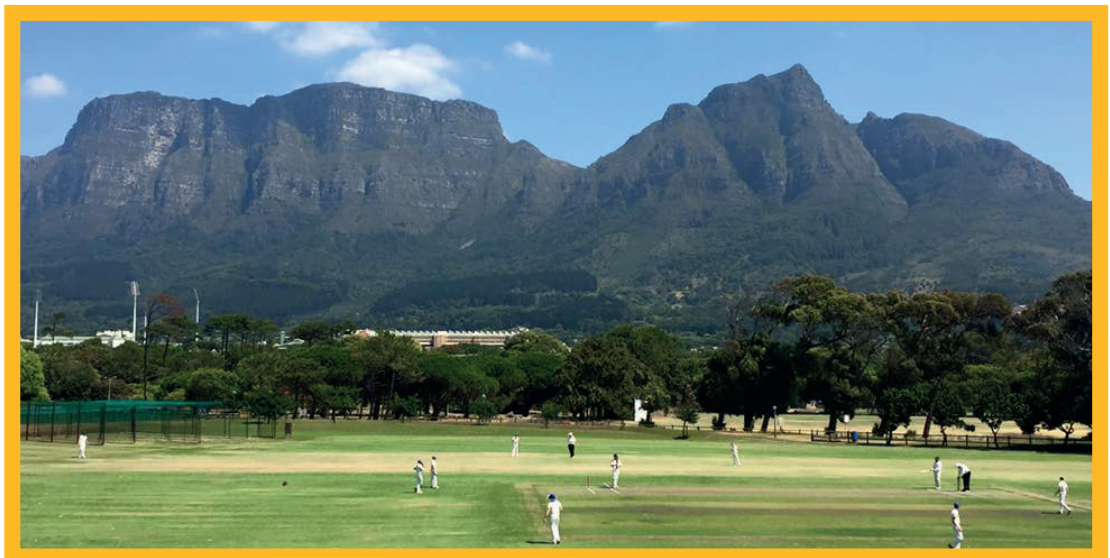
This trip is exceptionally special, being the twentieth time that Devon has taken a Development Tour to South Africa. The success of our U15 tours has come through the relationships initially built and

developed by Alan Swift (Tour founder) and later nurtured by Mark Ansell. It is through their hard work that we have incredible support from our hosts in the Kruger National Park and Cape Town – a major reason why our Devon tour is such a successful and well-regarded event in our county Youth Cricket.

Be assured – you will take away great memories and develop friendships that will endure for many years. And you will find, too, that Africa always throws up the unexpected, on the field or in everyday life.

**A message to our players:  
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When		What	Where
Thursday	20th Oct	DEPARTURE TRAVEL DAY	LHR   Dubai   Jo'burg
Friday	21st Oct	ARRIVAL TRAVEL DAY	Jo'burg   Skukuza
Saturday	22nd Oct	Practice Day	
Sunday	23rd Oct	Match v Nelspruit School - 2-day game	Skukuza CC
Monday	24th Oct	Match v Nelspruit School - 2-day game	Skukuza CC
Tuesday	25th Oct	FREE DAY	
Wednesday	26th Oct	Match v Johan Rudolph Academy - 50 overs	Skukuza CC
Thursday	27 Oct	ARRIVAL TRAVEL DAY	Skukuza   Cape Town
Friday	28 Oct	Match v Southern Suburbs Development XI - 50 overs	Bergvilet High School
Saturday	29 Oct	FREE DAY	
Sunday	30 Oct	Match v U15 WP Development XI - 50 overs	Vineyard Oval
Monday	31 Oct	FREE DAY	
Tuesday	1 Nov	Match v U15 /16 Development XI - 2-day game	Vineyard Oval
Wednesday	2 Nov	Match v U15 /16 Development XI - 2-day game	Vineyard Oval
Thursday	3 Nov	FREE DAY	
Friday	4 Nov	Match v U16 Western Province - 50 overs	Newlands Cricket Ground
Saturday	5 Nov	DEPARTURE TRAVEL DAY	Cape Town   Dubai   LHR

\*Schedule and venues subject to change





**I would like to start my introduction to the brochure for the 2022 tour to South Africa by recognising the enormous contribution to Devon Cricket of the tour's founder, Alan Swift as well as his successor, Mark Ansell.**



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Not only did Alan create the tour over 20 years ago, but he then ran it every year for fifteen years until 2016 as a volunteer, a quite extraordinary contribution to the development of young cricketers. Alan built up a superb network of supporters of the tour both in the Kruger and in Cape Town, to the extent that they consider it just as an important part of their cricket year as we do. As the 2022 touring party, we are some of the lucky beneficiaries of Alan's dedicated and tireless work.



After being handed the baton from Alan, Mark Ansell took over the management of the tour in 2016, again as a volunteer. Mark was able to seamlessly continue in Alan's footsteps and continued to develop relationships in The Kruger National Park and in Cape town, until he in turn passed the reins over to Matt Cooke and I at the end of 2020.

This is the first tour that Matt and I will be managing. We have, though, been involved in previous tours — Matt was one of the players in 2003, and we have both been part of the management group in recent years. Through this experience we ourselves have seen the wonderful opportunity this tour gives to 14 Devon boys to develop both as cricketers and as people.

Sadly, the Covid-19 pandemic disrupted all our lives for over 18 months. Cricket at all levels was a casualty of the pandemic and we were unable to take a tour party in 2021.

It is an achievement that we can now take our current U15s on the 2022 tour this October, eight months later than the usual spring schedule. Hopefully, the usual pattern of a spring tour can be re-established in 2023.





## A 20 YEAR LEGACY

**Since 2002, our Devon Development U15 tour has provided 270 young cricketers with an opportunity to thrive off the pitch and, most importantly for us, on it.**

Watching Jamie Overton score 97 on debut for England this summer, seeing Craig Overton bowling against India in the recent ODI's and witnessing Lewis Gregory battling away against Dom Bess at Taunton brings back wonderful memories of when they toured with us.

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Not every player has or will go on to play at such a high level. We have, however, been fortunate to have had cricketers who have later played at First-Class or International level:

- ▶▶ Tom Allin 2003 (Warwickshire)
- ▶▶ Adam Dibble 2005-6 (Somerset)
- ▶▶ James Burke 2005-6 (Somerset, Surrey & Leicestershire)
- ▶▶ Lewis Gregory 2006-7 (Somerset)
- ▶▶ Craig Overton 2009 (Somerset)
- ▶▶ Jamie Overton 2009 (Somerset & Surrey)
- ▶▶ Dom Bess 2011-12 (Somerset & Yorkshire)
- ▶▶ Ben Green 2012-13 (Somerset)
- ▶▶ Tom Lammonby 2015 (Somerset)
- ▶▶ Sonnv Baker 2018 (Somerset).

Each could tell you that their South Africa tour was a significant part of their cricket development. Who knows which players might be added to this list in the future?

Perhaps, more importantly, the tour has helped to produce a tier of highly-talented players who have been successful at Club and National County level for Devon. This has helped to raise the profile of Devon cricket. We also have some very talented English Premiership rugby players in our list of past tourists. We'll let you work out who they are...

Finally, a thank you to everyone who has contributed towards this Tour, either by sponsorship or volunteering, and to the rest of the Tour coaching and management party - Paul Heard, John Sparkes, Ben Green, Katie Theodom and Kate Cooke.

**Matt Theodom | Joint Tour Manager 2022**





## A MESSAGE TO THE PLAYERS

### Alan Swift - Tour Founder & Manager 2002-2016

“The principal reason for travelling 6000 miles is to provide you with an opportunity to widen your cricket experience through playing against capable and competitive opponents in unfamiliar conditions. Nobody can demand that you must win every match you play - that has not happened on any of the previous tours! What we do ask is that you always strive to realise your potential to the benefit of yourself and the team.



The cricket will certainly add an extra layer of experience to your development as a young player. How much you benefit will depend on the extent that you want to learn and improve. Good coaches can help but ultimately the desire has to come from within. Nobody can learn for you!

**Don't be too insular, either as an individual or a group. Take the opportunity to talk to people you meet and gain some insight into their way of life and the contrasting cultures. If you do, South Africa and its people will repay you with interest.”**

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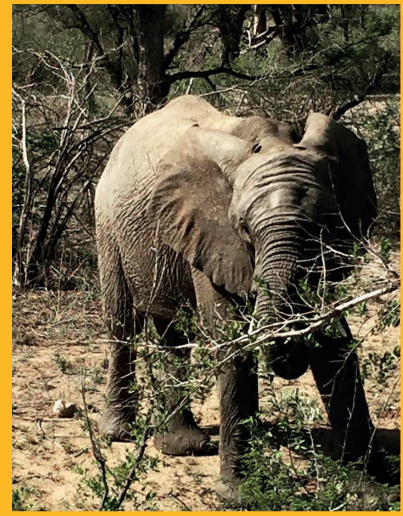
**The Skukuza Cricket Club is delighted to welcome the Devon U15 side once again, after the disruption of the Covid-19 pandemic. Your tour will provide you with the opportunity to foster friendships and experience the cultural diversity of our country.**

For us, it is very significant that we are once more hosting the first leg of your tour and welcome you to the Kruger National Park, the largest of South Africa's twenty National Parks. Here, you will experience a taste of Africa and the African bush.

Over the years, a traditional cricketing battle has developed between the Devon team and Nelspruit High School, competing for the "Battle for Kruger" trophy. This has become one of the highlights of our cricket calendar.

For the last 20 years, we have got to know the different leaders and management parties that have brought to Skukuza the cream of Devon Youth Cricket. One thing we can all affirm is that, in the words of Alan Swift, the tour is an opportunity "for young players to encounter tough opposition in unfamiliar conditions".

**We sincerely hope that your experience in Kruger will be with you for ever and that your expectations will be met.**





### At last the time has arrived to revive the Battle for Kruger.

After an unavoidable lapse of two years, the Battle for Kruger will once again be played between the Devon U15 Cricket Team and Nelspruit Hoërskool.



The Covid-19 pandemic affected all our lives in many ways, but the spirit of the game could not be dampened. Now, once more, Cricket is thriving in both our countries.

We at Kruger are looking forward to welcoming back our friends from Devon and getting to know the new management team and new players.

Your tour will once again take you to the two most-visited tourist destinations in South Africa – the Kruger National Park and Cape Town. We at Kruger will strive to help you experience the magic and hospitality of our National Park and fulfil all your expectations.

#### **Frik Rossouw**



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## Ben Green — Somerset County Cricket Club

I have been lucky enough to tour South Africa twice and can only say great things about my time. The tour was not only an excellent trip for developing everyone's cricket but also an amazing cultural opportunity.



Both of my tours were led by the legendary Alan Swift, the founding father of these Devon tours. It is Alan himself, through his vision and hard work, who has made the Tour as successful as it is today. He made some amazing contacts in South Africa who are still involved in our tours, and he strived to ensure all the players get a once-in-a-lifetime (in my case, twice) experience both on and off the field.

Furthermore, we were fortunate to have Chris Read present on both my tours. He was a fountain of knowledge and a great mind to pick on all things cricket.

**Looking back, I can see that some of my fondest memories were off the pitch and amongst the lads.**

I was fortunate to see all the Big Five, and more, in the time we spent in Kruger. It was quite fascinating to observe animals behaving naturally in the wild.

Later, Cape Town gave us a fantastic cultural insight into South Africa. There are stunning beaches and terrific views, especially from the top of Table







Mountain. I remember spending lots of time in the evenings at the V&A Waterfront shopping mall, pushing friends around in shopping carts and eating good food.

With regards to the cricket, first of all, it was amazing to play at Paarl the first-class ground and also to play against some seriously good players and challenge ourselves against the best of Western Province. From a developmental point of view, it was great to adapt to the weather and experience different pitches and opposition. The heat was certainly a challenge and we had to battle with hydration and concentration.



Ben on tour aged 12

Most importantly, I think of the time spent on the trip as a great time messing around and having fun with great mates. I believe it set our squad up perfectly to kick on and do well in the summer to follow.

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The JR Cricket Academy was established by Johan Rudolph and Elmarie du Plessis in 2014.

Over the previous seven years I had gained experience coaching the Namibia and Uganda national cricket teams. However, it had long been in the back of my mind to establish a cricket academy back in RSA. Now, eight years on, the JR Academy is the biggest cricket academy in Mpumalanga province. We started with coaching primary and high school youngsters and then launched a junior coaching programme, JR Cubs, which caters for grades 1 to 3 children. Throughout the year, the academy also organises various tournaments, tours and matches for all the children.

At the JR Academy, I am assisted by Xander Pitchers and Roy Junior Chirwa. They are experienced and qualified coaches who add great value to the programme we can offer and also coach various teams at Nelspruit Hoërskool.

The Devon Development Cricket tour is the highlight of our cricket calendar. We have had some exciting and competitive matches at the Skukuza cricket oval – a great experience for our boys to play an U15 overseas touring team.

Many thanks to Matt, Frik and their support teams for organising the 2022 tour. We are all looking forward to hosting you guys again!

**Johan Rudolph**





## WELCOME TO CAPE TOWN!

**Congratulations to all the boys who have been selected to represent Devon.**

Consider it an honour bestowed upon you to act as ambassadors for your region and country. We hope this provides you with a great opportunity to foster new friendships and to understand the wonderful characteristics this great game has to offer.

We at the Western Province Cricket Association look forward to hosting you during your tour and we hope we will assist in ensuring it is a particularly memorable one.”

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**Clinton Du Preez:**  
Cricket Services  
Manager



**Camillah Adams:**  
Youth Cricket  
Co-ordinator

# GOOD LUCK!

**We hope the Devon U15s team has a great time in South Africa.**



## Freddie Bucknell looks forward to the challenge ahead.

As players, we all feel very fortunate to be thinking about touring South Africa this autumn. There are many strong cricketers in Devon and so waiting for the e-mail confirming selection was a nervous time. Covid has also been a worry but it is very exciting to have the tour going ahead and attending the pre-tour meeting at Sandford CC in April made it feel real for all those lucky to be present.



Personally, I am really looking forward to playing in South Africa, on pitches that are likely to be faster and bouncier than what we normally play on in England. Playing in a different climate also posts more exciting challenges for captaincy. The Kruger National Park sounds amazing and hopefully, we will get to see the Big 5 amongst other wildlife. Cape Town and the Western Cape will be something very different, particularly visiting Newlands and the iconic Table Mountain.

Touring in the autumn should work well and hopefully, we can take good form into the tour. The first part of 2022 has been a little frustrating and the results have been mixed. Our first game of the summer took place on a windy day in



## SA20TOUR

April against Exeter University. Despite 3 wickets for Seb Linnitt and runs from Freddie Cockram (42) and James Theedom (44), we lost by 78 runs. However, one of the highlights of this game is the video footage that can be viewed by players after the game as a camera is now often mounted on one of the sight screens at our games.

Unfortunately, the next game clashed with the Ten Tors Challenge, and while Sam Burns and I were taking on the 35-mile course across Dartmoor, others were taking on Dorset at Shobrooke Park, which ended in defeat. 60 runs scored by Seb Linnitt and 4 wickets from Charlie Gaywood almost gave us victory over Somerset but the 2-wicket defeat was disappointing. Pleasingly, success came in our next encounter with Middlesex at Torquay CC. Seb Linnitt (47) and James Theedom (43) batted well together and although being bowled out for 191 was short of what we wanted, it proved enough as we bowled Middlesex out for 109. Rain cost us the chance to play



## THE CAPTAIN'S VIEW

Gloucestershire and our last encounter in June resulted in defeat at the hands of Wiltshire. With matches against the likes of Wales, Cornwall and Somerset (2-day game) still to come, these will hopefully allow players to thrive in different situations better suited to their game. These matches give us the chance to finish the season strongly and take huge confidence into the tour.

The net sessions we have at Exeter University and the coaching that we receive also benefit us hugely, and I know we will be fully prepared by the time we get on the plane.

On behalf of all the players, I would like to thank everyone involved in organising and running the trip. I do not know where you would start when planning something like this, but the itinerary looks amazing and we are all very grateful to be given the opportunity to represent Devon on a different continent.

**The boys and I cannot wait to step on that plane and experience all the different opportunities out there!**



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## PLAYER PROFILES



### James Theedom

Date of Birth	05/03/2007
Squad number	14
School	Queen Elizabeth School, Crediton
Cricket Club	Sandford Cricket Club
Represented Devon	U12-U15
Batting	Left hand - top order
Bowling/Wicket	Right arm - Fast
Other interests	Rugby, movies and football



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### Charlie Gaywood

Date of Birth	31/07/2007
Squad number	19
School	Sidmouth College
Cricket Club	Sidmouth Cricket Club
Represented Devon	U15
Batting	Left hand - top order
Bowling/Wicket	Left arm - orthodox
Other interests	Gym, cricket training, mountain biking and movies



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# PLAYER PROFILES



## Rio Koyikkara

Date of Birth	07/10/2006
Squad number	6
School	Torquay Boys Grammar School
Cricket Club	Paignton Cricket Club
Represented Devon	U13-U15
Batting	Left hand - top order
Bowling/Wicket	Right arm - leg spin
Other interests	Football, table tennis, badminton and watching TV shows



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## Freddie Bucknell

Date of Birth	07/03/2007
Squad number	8
School	Blundell's School
Cricket Club	Heathcoat Cricket Club
Represented Devon	U10-U15
Batting	Right hand - middle order
Bowling/Wicket	Right arm - medium/fast
Other interests	Golf and hockey



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## Connor McCann

Date of Birth	07/12/2006
Squad number	20
School	Exmouth Community College
Cricket Club	Exmouth Cricket Club
Represented Devon	U15
Batting	Right hand - lower order
Bowling/Wicket	Right arm - medium
Other interests	Football, tennis and badminton



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## Josh Thompson

Date of Birth	09/11/2006
Squad number	16
School	Torquay Academy
Cricket Club	Ipplepen Cricket Club
Represented Devon	U10-U15
Batting	Right hand - middle order
Bowling/Wicket	Right arm - medium
Other interests	Football, darts and pool



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### Freddie Cockram

Date of Birth	27/10/2006
Squad number	1
School	Exeter School
Cricket Club	Exeter Cricket Club
Represented Devon	U13-U15
Batting	Right hand - top order
Bowling/Wicket	Right arm - off spin
Other interests	Playing guitar, hockey and squash



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### Albert Buckley

Date of Birth	10/01/2007
Squad number	17
School	South Motion Community College
Cricket Club	Filleigh Cricket Club
Represented Devon	U15
Batting	Right hand - lower order
Bowling/Wicket	Right arm - medium/fast
Other interests	Rugby, football and music



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### Will Edwards

Date of Birth 03/02/2007  
 Squad number 4  
 School Blundell's School  
 Cricket Club Heathcoat Cricket Club  
 Represented Devon U10-U15  
 Batting Right hand - lower order  
 Bowling/Wicket Left arm - medium pace  
 Other interests Sport, golf, rugby and gaming



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### Max Stone

Date of Birth 09/07/2007  
 Squad number 9  
 School Torquay Boys Grammar School  
 Cricket Club Ipplepen Cricket Club  
 Represented Devon U13-U15  
 Batting Right hand - lower order  
 Bowling/Wicket Left arm - medium  
 Other interests Rugby, swimming, running and gym



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## PLAYER PROFILES



### Toby Holroyd

Date of Birth 10/09/2006  
 Squad number 3  
 School Torquay Boys Grammar School  
 Cricket Club Ipplepen Cricket Club  
 Represented Devon U10-U15  
 Batting Right hand - middle order  
 Bowling/Wicket Wicketkeeper  
 Other interests Rugby, golf, skiing and surfing



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### Seb Linnitt

Date of Birth 05/11/2006  
 Squad number 5  
 School Blundell's School  
 Cricket Club Exeter Cricket Club  
 Represented Devon U10-U15  
 Batting Right hand - top order  
 Bowling/Wicket Right arm - off spin  
 Other interests All sports



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## PLAYER PROFILES



### Sam Burns

Date of Birth	01/05/2007
Squad number	15
School	Mount Kelly School
Cricket Club	Yelverton Bohemians Cricket Club
Represented Devon	U13-U15
Batting	Right hand - lower order
Bowling/Wicket	Right arm - medium
Other interests	Hockey, rugby, youth ranger, water sports, and reading



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### Ollie Gribble

Date of Birth	10/08/2007
Squad number	2
School	Taunton School
Cricket Club	Exeter Cricket Club
Represented Devon	U10-U15
Batting	Right hand top/middle order
Bowling/Wicket	Wicketkeeper
Other interests	Squash and hockey



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The staff and students at Torquay Academy would like to wish  
 Josh Thompson and the Devon U15 Cricket Team  
 every success on their tour to South Africa.



**Since the first Devon Cricket Development tour in 2002, over two hundred young cricketers from Devon have visited South Africa and, judging by the very positive feedback, have derived great benefit from the experience.**

There is little doubt that the opportunity to play against capable and competitive opponents in unfamiliar circumstances has contributed to their cricket education. However, while cricket development is the principal reason for travelling 6000 miles, it would be wrong to measure all the benefits purely in terms of runs scored, wickets taken and matches won or lost. South Africa is a strikingly beautiful country with sharply contrasting landscapes. While Kruger provides the classic Africa with wonderful wildlife, Cape Town is a vibrant modern city but with the dramatic background of Table Mountain to remind you that you are visiting somewhere rather different and special.

While the contrasting beauty is obviously appealing, it is the human rather than the physical geography

which many find more interesting. Those who have made several visits over the last twenty years will almost certainly bear witness to South Africa as a country now emerging, sometimes painfully, from a troubled history.

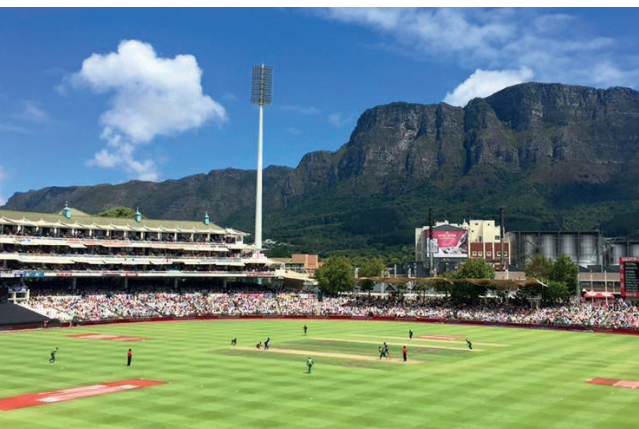
**How you might ask does this tour provide our young travellers with a more general educational experience to that provided through visiting as part of a packaged tour through travel companies?**

The answer to such a question requires recognition of the relationships built up over the years with capable and generous people in Kruger and the Western Cape, people who have become good friends of Devon cricket. It is through their generosity and help that our young visitors have the opportunity to meet people from contrasting backgrounds and cultural differences as well as gaining access to places of interest usually 'off limit' to tourists.

### **THE KRUGER NATIONAL PARK**

About the same size as Wales, the Kruger supports animals that are truly wild, living in a wild habitat. This is not a 'Game Reserve' maintained for the tourist industry.

Two husband-and-wife teams have been wonderful hosts for all our tours, and the head of a local cricket academy has encouraged and supported our teams.







## OUR HOSTS

### Frik Rossouw

Frik is a senior investigator with the South Africa National Parks Special Projects. As the Kruger National Park is home to the world's largest population of rhinoceros, Frik is in the front line of the challenge to curb the illegal poaching of rhino here. However, we have got to know him so well through his work as 'Mr Cricket' at Skukuza Cricket Club, a lovely ground uniquely situated within the wildlife park. Without his generous support, we would not have the rather special experience we enjoy in Kruger.



### Jannie Geldenhuys

Head Teacher at Skukuza Primary School, Jannie has been a feature of our visits to Kruger since our first tour in 2002. Indeed, on our next visit, he acted as a guide on our evening game drive. He is very much involved in school sport in Mpumalanga Province, including athletics and cricket. Remembered by all our tourists for his delicious Potje, a traditional dish introduced by the Voortrekkers in the 1880s, he has never forgiven Alan Swift for referring to it as a 'stew'.





## Rossouw and Geldenhuys Families

Over the years, our Devon tour has become a 'family affair', with the involvement of Frik's wife, Petro, and Jannie's wife, Isabel. They have looked after us so well, providing wonderful food for hungry young cricketers. Their now-adult children have become involved, too.

### Petro Rossouw

A police officer based at Skukuza who takes some of her annual leave to look after us. Son Jean Rossouw played for Heathcoat CC for a season and plays cricket at a high level in South Africa, as well as being the Pro at Skukuza Golf Club. Daughter Anica, now a teacher, also helps with looking after us.



### Isabel Geldenhuys

A teacher at Skukuza Primary School. Son Jandre Geldenhuys is a professional game driver and has been kind enough to take our game drives for the last two tours. Finally, son Henco has umpired some of our games at Skukuza CC.



## Johan Rudolf

Johan has been a long-term supporter and friend of the Devon tour. Our connection started through Frik and has developed over 20 years. Johan now runs his own cricket academy at Nelspruit, producing teams that are fiercely competitive and very well coached. We always look forward to a battle on the field with one of Johan's teams and will endeavour to get one of his academy teams to the UK to play.



## Nabeal Dien

The introduction to Nabeal in 2001 turned out to be the crucial link for future tours to Cape Town and the subsequent establishment of a successful development exchange programme. Nabeal has now retired from his role as Chief Executive of Western Province Cricket Association, but we still benefit from his continuing support and oversight of the tour.





## OUR HOSTS

### Clinton Du Preez

In his role as Cricket Services Manager at the Western Province Cricket Association, Clinton has been responsible for connecting the tour with the cricket network in Cape Town. We are immensely grateful to Clinton for his dedication in supporting our tours and look forward to meeting again in October.



### Shaheem

'Mr Fixit' - Shaheem has organised our transport in and around Cape Town for every tour. A lively and very likeable character, he spent some years teaching at secondary level in Cape Town and is fondly remembered by all boys who have been on the tour. To the tour management, he is much more than simply the transport man, as he is full of ideas and appears to know everyone and everything that is happening in Cape Town. A streetwise and caring individual, he helps ensure that the boys have an enjoyable and safe time.



### Camillah Adams

A delightful and capable lady, Camillah is the Youth Cricket Co-ordinator at Newlands. She has a good working knowledge of the youth structure in Western Province and has been crucial in arranging the logistics for our 2022 tour.



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## COACH PROFILES

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### Ben Green

#### Professional Cricketer and ECB Level 2 Coach

An allrounder who graduated through the Devon age group system, then progressed to the Somerset Academy and later signed a three-year contract. He made his 1st XI debut for Somerset in a NatWest T20 Blast fixture at Hampshire earlier in 2016. He has also represented England at Under-15, Under-17 and Under-19 level.



Ben currently coaches on the county's Emerging Player Programme and works with our older age groups throughout the winter. Ben is Somerset's Royal London One Day captain and has been on the South Africa tour as a player twice, 2012 and 2013.

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### Paul Heard

#### ECB Level 3 Coach

Paul plays his cricket in the Devon Cricket Premier League for Hatherleigh, after stints at North Devon and Bideford. A tourist as a player back in 2010 and as a coach in 2019 and 2020, he is well placed to understand the benefits of the trip.



"The experience shaped both my playing and coaching styles and I look forward to returning with an exciting group of cricketers. The culture on and off the field is truly eye-opening and I have no doubt the players will thoroughly enjoy themselves".

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### Jon Sparkes

#### ECB Level 2 Scorer

Jon is an ECB Level 2 scorer, which means he knows his Duckworth/Lewis, and scores regularly for Ivybridge 1st XI in the Devon League. He has a number of other roles with Ivybridge including Treasurer and Under 15 Manager and is also a qualified coach and umpire.



Jon is also currently Chair of Devon Cricket Board. He is looking forward to his first trip to South Africa where he will be scoring the matches and, making use of his day job as an accountant, also looking after the boys' daily allowances.

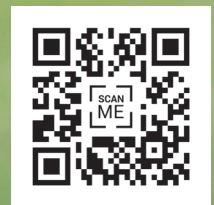
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