



# Albrighton Cricket Club

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## 2020 Ladies Softball “The Roses” Season

An unusual year that’s for sure – with far less prosecco and mischief than ever before, which we will definitely be making up for next season!

After indoor training was curtailed by Covid with only a few sessions remaining, we waited patiently for the sunnier brighter days of the summer where surely we would be let loose once again – and come July, we were allowed out ‘out’!

No customary hugging as had become general Roses practise, but it was so good to be back outdoors and together again. The Roses WhatsApp group had grown somewhat quieter in the first few Covid months, but it was rejuvenated with us being back outside – perhaps much to the chagrin of the chaps in the group. The practice sessions on Tuesday evenings were well organised and we had ‘jazz hands’ sanitising every twenty minutes - everyone adhered to the new way of playing and enjoying softball cricket in the ‘strange new world’ we were in, and felt safe doing so.

There were several festivals we attended in various formats this year, with some outstanding play from our growing teams of Roses, Buds and Climbers (or creepers depending which way we felt on the day). Although the festivals were quieter and with fewer teams involved, we enjoyed the excellent team spirit, encouragement and fair play extended by all involved. The new 10 -a-side format has been strongly approved as it gives everyone longer to be out in bat, and a more structured format to our fielding. This was also recognised by the teams involved in the SCB led Zoom meeting that was held in October and attended by three of our team members, to give our feedback of the season and suggestions for the way forward.

ACC has established a fantastic team of ladies who not only enjoy their sport, but who are also passionate about their team and their wellbeing.

2021 awaits us ladies, and it will be marvellous 😊