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Sale Make Lords Finals

Sale Sports Club celebrated the conclusion of its 2010 community coaching programme by taking a team of under 11 cricketers to Lords, the home of cricket, to compete in a national Chance to *Shine* tournament.

Twelve young cricketers from Sale's Chance to *Shine* schools were nominated by the schools based on their attitude and passion for the game.

The competition was attended by 8 teams from all over the country with Sale eventually finishing a credible 3rd place, only losing on the day to the eventual winners. The girls and boys were treated to a guided tour of the famous old cricket ground and a question and answer session with former England international Mark Alleyne.

The event highlighted the fantastic work done by the club's new Coaching and Development Officer, Rick Halkon. Over 450 hours of cricket coaching have been delivered in 12 local primary and secondary schools, reaching 250 local children. The lucky ones, some of whom only 7 months ago had never played cricket, were given the opportunity to compete in a national competition at the home of cricket. This is a dream shared by cricketers of all ages all over the world.

For more information on Sale Sports Club and the various sports offered please contact Rick Halkon on 07545 447 359 or rickhalkon@yahoo.co.uk



Picture inset: Sale Sports Club Development Officer Rick Halkon and 12 lucky Sale Cricketers in front of the world famous Lords pavilion.

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NOTES TO EDITORS:

- Sale Sports Club employed a Coaching & Development Officer in February 2010 to support the development of the 5 sports played at the club and to deliver coaching in local schools to benefit the whole community.
- This role is initially funded by the Sport England Community Investment Fund, the Chance to Shine Cricket Charity and Sport Trafford.
- The club is a large multi-sport club that also offers cricket, hockey, rugby, tennis and soccer playing opportunities at both senior and junior level.
- Sale Sports Club was founded in 1854 and is located on Clarendon Crescent in Sale.
- The club has invested in improving it's facilities in the last 5 years, installing a new 4-lane synthetic cricket practice facility, relaying the cricket square and refurbishing our six tennis courts.
- These improvements have been funded by the Government's Community Club Development Programme, the first club in Trafford to have benefited from this scheme, Biffaward, and the Foundation for Sports and the Arts. The balance of the cost of these projects was funded by contributions from Sport Trafford, the Friends of Sale Tennis Club and former cricketers.