

**The Cricket Society (TCS) and the British Society of Sports History (BSSH):  
The Howard Milton Award for Cricket Scholarship 2020**

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- The Sussex Cricket Museum is the inaugural winner of the Howard Milton Award
- The award recognises individuals or groups who have contributed strongly to cricket writing and research

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Today the Sussex Cricket Museum is announced as the first winner of the Howard Milton Award for Cricket Scholarship. The Museum consistently produces high quality, original and fascinating scholarly research both historical and contemporary across a variety of subjects. Its production values are high and it collaborates effectively with a range of authors on subjects related to Sussex cricket.

This award, a collaboration between The Cricket Society and the British Society of Sports History, will be awarded annually to a person or persons who have made an outstanding and/or unsung contribution to cricket scholarship. The award seeks to recognise good cricket writing and research whether of an 'academic' or 'popular' nature. Winners are decided on the recommendations of a panel drawn from officers of both organisations.

**Jon Filby**, Chair of the Sussex Cricket Museum said:

"I am delighted that the Sussex Cricket Museum has won this prestigious award. It is very welcome recognition of the excellent work undertaken by all of our volunteers."

**Howard Milton** added:

"I'm thrilled to be honoured with the naming of this award. The first winners are an excellent choice. It is the Museum with its publications that sets the standards which all other counties should seek to achieve."

The arrangements to present this award will be announced at a later date.

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## NOTES FOR EDITORS

### About the Sussex Cricket Museum

Since 2011 the Sussex Cricket Museum has produced an excellent series of signed, limited edition books, booklets and pamphlets about Sussex cricket and cricketers, ranging from cricket in Brighton in the 18th Century to the Highest individual innings for Sussex in One Day Cricket. The roster of cricket writers and historians is impressive. All publications are produced to a high standard, printed on good quality paper, are very well illustrated and are worth reading for anyone interested in cricket (not just Sussex supporters).

The Museum presents the history of Sussex Cricket through its displays, both in the Museum and throughout the pavilion and has an excellent library as well as a comprehensive archive of documents and pictures. The Museum is located at the 1<sup>st</sup> Central County Ground at Hove and is run by the Trustees of the Sussex Cricket Museum and Educational Trust (SCMET) and a strong team of volunteers, including Phil Barnes, Norman Epps, David Jeater, Roger Packham and Nicholas Sharp.

### About The Cricket Society

The Cricket Society is celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> year. Its core values are, and have always been, encouraging a love of cricket through playing, watching, reading and listening. It supports young cricketers, makes annual awards, holds regular meetings, publishes an acclaimed Journal and Bulletin and has its own cricket team.

It is a national organisation with 1,700 members across the UK and beyond. Visit our website for more information:

[www.cricketsociety.com](http://www.cricketsociety.com)

Twitter: @Cricketsociety

### About The British Society of Sports History

The British Society of Sports History aims to promote the study of the history of sport. The Society encourages research within and beyond academic settings, support for the preservation of sporting records, collaboration with the museum and heritage sector, and engagement with the media. We organise an annual conference and publish the journal *Sport in History*, as well as other local and regional activities. We have both academic and non-academic members. You can join us by visiting our website and clicking on "Join BSSH".

[www.sportinhistory.org](http://www.sportinhistory.org)

Twitter: @britsporthissoc

### About Howard Milton

Howard Milton is a bastion of Kent cricket, particularly so in relation to the County's history and heritage. His (with Peter Francis) *Kent County Cricket Grounds: 150 Years of Cricket Across the Garden of Eden* was published earlier this year. A former career Librarian in Government, Howard was also Honorary Librarian of The Cricket Society for forty years. In 2011 he led widely publicised work to restore and rededicate the Honourable Ivo Bligh's (of Ashes origin fame) grave from its derelict state in the Cobham (Kent) churchyard.

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