



**LORD'S TAVERNERS**  
Empowering young people through cricket

**Super  
1s**

## Ellis – Scotland

By his mother Yvonne

Ellis is 17 years old and is profoundly deaf after contracting Meningitis at 13 weeks old, he also has ADHD and Autism as a result.

Ellis attends Donaldsons Trust School in Linlithgow where they offer a wide range of activities for the children. He came home one day very excited, asking me to fill in a form for him straight away, to allow him to participate in the Super 1s cricket programme.



Ellis has loads of energy and absolutely loves anything to do with sports, although he can struggle with taking his turn and with the social aspect in sports, learning cricket along with his friends was a great start and he thoroughly looked forward Super 1s sessions. He has really thrived there – he has great eye/hand co-ordination but critically has learned how to play as part of a team, take his turn and focus his energy into the sport.

Ellis mainly communicates through speech and some sign language thrown in – he manages to communicate with the other children and coaches getting them to understand what he is trying to communicate even though many are not deaf. He is very enthusiastic and loves to get praise if he has played well. We have noticed that he also is very caring and gentle with the others; he loves to high five, clap, cheer and give pats on the back when good shots have been made! He has also become so much more patient in waiting for his turn, something he was never very good at before.

Along with a few of his friends from school, Ellis has now joined in with disability training sessions at his local cricket club, which he is just loving. He really looks forward to seeing his friends away from school and is also excited to see the new friends he has made. Every week he asks what time cricket is and gets his kit all looked out and a drink ready to go. "I really like to play cricket and see my friends and have fun."

We are also loving watching him play sport and be an integral part of a small team. We are so happy to see how much he has matured and how much his communication skills continue to develop as he plays cricket with the other children. We look forward to seeing Ellis continue to be part of Super 1s and participating in games against other clubs and children.