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Dear Supporters of the Broadwindsor Cricket Club:
I have commentated at many venues over the years, but sadly not yet Broadwindsor. From pictures it looks to deserve its status as Wisden's selection for the most beautiful grounds in England.

I understand that the club, which is 97 years old and has played on the same ground for almost 60 years, has been served with an eviction notice by new owners who wish to sell it for development or other uses. In my long career in cricket I have witnessed many wonderful moments at many wonderful grounds but there are few sadder things than the demise of such a place as Broadwindsor, and I sincerely hope it does not happen. I strongly support the club's efforts to preserve it and - as again I understand their plans to be - to put it in an eternal trust protecting its sporting status in the long term.

I was in Bridport recently for the literary festival, and I am sorry to learn that two other grounds in the area - Bridport and Melplash - have gone in the last two years. We cannot afford to lose grounds if we are to maintain interest in the sport. I am not sure whether my batting, wicket keeping or even commentating career will ever extend to Broadwindsor, but the future of the club will be on my mind and in my heart. I am writing in support of efforts being made to save the Broadwindsor Cricket ground from extinction.

In terms of selling the land for any other use, such a ridiculous idea speaks strongly of the price of everything and the value of nothing.

Yours sincerely,

Henry Blofeld