

# CAREER TRANSITION

CASE STUDY: CRICKETER to BARISTA

**Name:** Tim Linley **Age:** 36

**From:** Leeds

## Playing Career Summary:

The former Surrey seam bowler ended his career with 200 first-class dismissals, headlining with a spectacular 2011 season, which saw him take 73 first-class wickets to help Surrey gain promotion in the County Championship. He retired in 2015 season due to injury but plans were already afoot for his transition into a second career with support from the PCA.

**New Career:** Barista and Coffee Shop Owner

## Support from Player Association:

With the help of funding from the PCA, Tim started training alongside his cricket doing some barista and financial accounting courses. Also, he received a PCA Scholarship Award worth £2,500 which contributed towards setting up his new business venture.

## Career Transition Highlights:

- Winning the PCA Personal Development Scholarship Award.
- Opening 'Coffee on the Crescent' near Headingley Stadium, just two years after retiring from playing.
- Creating a community around his business, using his strong communication skills developed as a player.

## Career Transition Challenges:

- Struggling with finding a new identity when he stopped playing.



“ You’ve already made a hobby a career, there’s absolutely no reason you can’t do it again. Developing my business gave me something to focus on away from cricket which helped and it also took away the anxiety of what am I going to do when I finish? I used to be able to bowl a ball in a small area and that was my skill which was great, but actually I’ve got a lot more skills to offer. ”