

ILLINGWORTH CC

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3 FACTS ABOUT ILLINGWORTH (THE VILLAGE)

1. In the nineteenth century, Illingworth ('Illa's enclosure'), located to the north of Halifax in the ancient township of Ovenden, was famous for its cooperative society.



2. Originally a hamlet, Illingworth soon evolved into a village, and is now a suburb of the town.
3. It is the origin of the Illingworth [surname](#) which was first recorded in 1285

Almost 200 years old!

KEY DATES IN THE EARLY HISTORY OF CRICKET IN CALDERDALE

June 1834: Halifax Clarence play Bradford on Skircoat Moor.

1836: Halifax Alliance take on Huddersfield Britannia.

Monday 20 August 1838: Todmorden CC stages its first recorded match.

1860s: Inter-town matches staged involving Halifax, Elland and Brighouse. Smaller teams emerge, too.



1870: 'Cricket Battery' (an early 'bowling machine') invented by Mr Swaine, a Halifax cricket pro.

1877: Halifax's Thrum Hall ground leveled.

1887: Founding of the Halifax Parish Cup

July 1888: First county match at Thrum Hall - Yorkshire v Gloucestershire (and WG. Grace).

1897: Joe Nicholl opens the first 'sports shop' in Halifax on Cheapside.

10 June 1897: Yorkshire visit Thrum Hall for last time.