

## LUDDENDENFOOT CC

# DOWN YOUR WAY

### 5 FACTS ABOUT LUDDENDENFOOT (THE VILLAGE)

1. Luddendenfoot is located three miles to the west of Halifax.
2. **In yesteryear it was dominated by shops and mills, but today it is populated mainly by commuters.**
3. Some people have trouble pronouncing 'Luddendenfoot', so the place is known colloquially as 'Foot'.



Taken from [www.milltownmemories.org.uk](http://www.milltownmemories.org.uk)

4. **In 1840 Branwell Bronte, brother of the famous sisters, took up the post of stationmaster at the old train station (annual salary: £130), but was sacked rather swiftly for drinking on duty.**
5. Luddendenfoot railway station eventually bit the dust in 1962.

# **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.

# Midgley and Methodists!

## OTHER CRICKET CLUBS IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD (THEN AND NOW)

### **Booth C.C.**

Currently play in the Halifax League



Broad Fold, Booth

### **Luddenden United C.C.**

Played at Green Lane, Midgley,  
in the early twentieth century.

### **Luddenden Parish Church C.C.**

Played at Turn Lea, Midgley, in the 1930s.

### **Luddenden Foot United Methodist Church C.C.**

Played at Top Shuttles. From 1895 to 1901 they appeared  
in the Sowerby Division League.