

NORTHOWRAM FIELDS CC

DOWN YOUR WAY

4 FACTS ABOUT NORTHOWRAM (THE VILLAGE)

1. The first mention of Northowram comes in 1203.
2. Once upon a time, Northowram township included Boothtown, Claremount, Haley Hill and Horley Green.



The hospital (photo: George Demore)

3. 'Northowram' has been known in the past as *Ufrun* and Northuuerum.
4. The element *owram* means 'on the north bank, slope or ridge'.

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.

THREE OF A KIND!

OTHER CRICKET CLUBS IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD (THEN AND NOW)

Coley C.C.

Established church team who returned to the Amateur League in 1908 after playing 'ordinary matches' for four seasons. Between 1909 and 1913 they played in the Church League, then from 1914 to 1915 in the Halifax & District League. They were in the Halifax Association in 1923 and again from 1933 to 1940.



Heywood C.C.

A well-established team who fielded a side in 1922 in the Nonconformist League, where they had been members since 1910. Moved on to the Halifax Association, 1923-55. Ground at Hall Lane, Northowram.

Road Services C.C.

Played first at Westercroft Lane, Northowram, in the 1950s, then at Sterne Mills and finally The Goose Inn, Causeway Foot. This club played in the Halifax and District Amateur Cricket Association.