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**LINTHWAITE CRICKET & BOWLING CLUB
c1890s- c1950s**

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INTRODUCTION

The Club was formed in 1873 following a meeting at the New Inn. The Club first played on a field at Crack Hill but in 1876 moved to their present headquarters paying an annual ground rent of 7.00 to John Schofield. In the same year an area of turf measuring 40x30 yards was laid, thanks to local man George Telford at a cost of £18.00

In 1882, the Club employed its first professional, Joe Redfearn of Lascelles Hall. He earned 8shillings per Saturday appearance and 2sh 6d per coaching session.

Linthwaite Cricket Club was one of the ten original members of the Huddersfield and District Cricket League (WYK1369) and has enjoyed continuous membership since 1899.

The Club won its first Huddersfield and District League title in 1909 and between 1917-1920 won the League Championship three times and were runners-up once.

In 1941 they were Section B champions and also in that year purchased its Manchester Road headquarters from the Radcliffe Estate

In 1942 they were Sykes Cup winners for the first time beating Thongsbridge in the final. They were again Sykes Cup winners in 1956.

Between 1969-1979, the Club fell on less successful times and had to apply for re-election to Section B of the Huddersfield League on eight separate occasions after finishing bottom each time. However, they were successful and the 1980s saw much fundraising in order to complete work on a new club house.

In 1989, the Club won the Greenwood Trophy for the best kept ground.

The Club is still in existence today (2007)

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WYK1374/1	c1890s-c1950s	PHOTOGRAPHS 1 bundle (15 items)
WYK1374/1/1	c1890s-c1950s	Team photographs Some players are identified. Also includes some postcards and photocopies
WYK1374/2	12 Apr 1956	EPHEMERA 1 item
WYK1374/2/1	12 Apr 1956	Newspaper Cuttings
WYK1374/2/1/1	12 Apr 1956	Article 'Cricket benefit match at Linthwaite' YORKSHIRE OBSERVER