

Upper Hopton Cricket Ground, above the Traveller's Rest, under construction (left). Although the Cricket Club was formed in 1902, they did not play their first match until 1904 (below). One of the players in the photograph was Wilfred Rhodes (1877–1973), at one time an engine cleaner at the locomotive sheds in Mirfield. He was one of England's most famous cricketers, who played for both Yorkshire and England. During his career he achieved an aggregate of 39,802 runs and took 4,187 wickets.

Upper Hopton was not the first cricket club in the town. Mirfield Cricket Club had been formed in 1862. Their first ground was on a field behind Blake Hall, where they remained until 1895 when the London and North Western Railway Company built their new line from Heaton Lodge to Wortley straight through the ground.

E T Ingham, their landlord, found them another field at the corner of the park. They finally moved to the Memorial Grounds.