

New cricket ground

SOUTHOWRAM Cricket Club is planning to have its own ground in the village.

The club, formed only two years ago, is seeking planning permission to use land at the junction of Ashday Lane and Binns Top Lane, Southowram, as a cricket field. For the past two seasons the club has used the Spring Hall ground in Halifax belonging to Calderdale Council.

Secretary, Mr Austin Walker, of 30 Higgin Lane, Southowram, said the site, currently pasture land, would be ideal for their needs.

"We hope this will really get the club on its feet. We have so many enthusiastic members and obviously it would be a great asset to have our own place."

The club has one team at present but plans to run more in the future. "We want to get the young lads of the village playing cricket instead of playing on the streets," said Mr Walker.

The team finished third in the Second Division of the Halifax and District Amateur Cricket Association last season. This year they have improved their performance and are currently in second position with promotion to the First Division now assured.

The club, which has an enthusiastic ladies' section, is working hard to raise funds to equip the ground. It is hoped to build a pavilion and provide first-class facilities. If planning consent is obtained, the ground should be ready for use in 1981.