

Cricket club splashes out

A VILLAGE cricket club is investing several thousand pounds to provide new sports facilities for its "neglected" area.

Southowram Cricket Club has applied to Calderdale Council for permission to build a football pitch

and practice field at its Ashday Lane ground.

Work on levelling the area has already started, and club secretary Mr Dennis Parry said there were plans to build a new pavilion and changing rooms for the cricket and soccer players.

"We are in desperate need of more sporting facilities in the

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village," he said. "The situation at the moment is diabolical.

"Southowram has been neglected for many years by the council, and the few pitches we have are in a terrible condition."

Members of Calderdale Council's planning committee will have the final say on whether the new pitches can be built.