

# HEART OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

## Holmfirth CC – About Us

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Holmfirth Cricket Club has been at the heart of the local community in the Holme Valley for over 150 years and boasts a rich and successful history. The club's Bridge Fold home is located close to the centre of Holmfirth, a thriving and beautiful Pennine town some eight miles from central Huddersfield.



Holmfirth CC is a caring and community-focused club. Our aim is to ensure that all members are given the best opportunities to achieve their full potential in the game of cricket.

The club runs two open-age teams – the 1st XI plays in the Premiership, the top level of Huddersfield League Cricket - and the 2nd XI also play in the premier league. We also have a thriving junior section which we are extremely proud of, where junior boys and girls are given high-quality coaching to recognised ECB standards, and are given opportunities to develop their

cricketing skills in a fun, friendly and safe environment. We run teams in the Huddersfield Junior Cricket League at Under-11, 13 and 15 levels, and we have a very active group of younger cricketers, who play in local tournaments and competitions.

The club is currently developing new facilities to further improve the coaching opportunities for our junior players. In recognition of the club's efforts to develop junior cricket, the ECB have recently awarded Holmfirth Cricket Club the Clubmark accreditation.

Anyone interested in learning more about membership of Holmfirth Cricket Club is invited to contact us.

### Getting Here

Holmfirth play their home games at Bridge Fold, a picturesque ground situated in the centre of Holmfirth. However, despite being ideally situated, it is tricky to locate. By car, your best bet is to punch the postcode into your 'Sat Nav', which should navigate you to the ground. Alternatively, Bridge Fold is tucked in behind the Co-op supermarket. As you get to the back of the Co-op, opposite their goods entrance is a small alley by an old foundry. Head down this innocuous road and it will lead you to the clubhouse.

If you are coming to the ground from outside Holmfirth by public transport, it is a simple journey by bus. As someone who lives in central Huddersfield, I set out on the journey early on a Saturday morning, and found the travel pleasant smooth. Most 'Holmfirth Connection' buses from Huddersfield bus station will stop at Holmfirth bus station; however, more specifically, numbers 311-316 will take you there. The bus journey lasts approximately 15 minutes, and after a scenic bus route (I can't think of a more surprising bus journey!) you get to Holmfirth Bus Station, and Bridge Fold is a simple 5-minute walk from here. The bus itself costs only £3.50 for a return ticket, and takes a charming route through Huddersfield's countryside, including the Lockwood Arches.

Once at Holmfirth Bus Station, head to the corner of the bus station and there is a walking path by the side of the post office – go along that path by the side of the river. You will come out by a bridge over the river into a large car park and walk the full length past the Co-op. At the back of the Co-op you will see a sign to the cricket club – you go down a dark looking alley by the side of a dirty old foundry and the club is along there. It's quite surprising after the dark, dreary track to the club!