

# THE MUPPET BENCH!

## John and Joan Parkinson and Len Gravenor on the views from Hedge Top Lane

There are good views from the ground. As you look out from the top sightscreen – opposite the pavilion – you can see Southowram to the left; there's a beacon on the top of the hill that is a key landmark.



Straight ahead is Northowram village and in the far distance Queensbury. To the right there's Shelf and Bradshaw. And behind us there's Coley, Hipperholme and Brighouse. There are some really nice views, especially the church at Coley – although some trees now interfere with this view! All in all it's very peaceful.

The bench we're now sitting on is known as the muppet bench! Quite a group of us congregate here – six, seven or eight of us at 1<sup>st</sup> XI games. I think you could say that we put the world to rights!

The club has a good relationship with the people who live nearby. If the ball goes into nearby gardens and knocks off any roof tiles, we'll pay for new ones. I suppose it's nice for them to have a cricket ground just beyond their back garden; but it often depends what mood they're in!