

YOUNG GUNS

Matt Jones on the club juniors

On the playing side we're stronger than ever. We've got Under-7s, 9s, 11s, 13s, 15s and 17s, though the 7s and 9s don't play competitive cricket as such. Each junior side has its own coach. Friday practice nights are amazing down here – maybe 150 people at the ground!



Ripponden is now quite built up, with lots of new houses. There are two big schools nearby and word of mouth has really helped in recruiting young kids. Parents love it here – it's safe and they can have a drink in the pavilion.

There are good juniors coming through – maybe two or three pushing for a place in the senior sides. In fact we've now got a very good age spread in the 1st XI and 2nd XI.