

# Champions title for Westborough

WESTBOROUGH clinched the **Huddersfield Central League Section B** title following a 97-run victory over Cartworth Moor.

The Healds Road side made an edgy start as they moved to 74-5.

This brought Chris Day and Lloyd Illingworth together and they shared a partnership of 103 with Day hammering his way to 84. Illingworth provided excellent back up and finished on 38 as Westborough closed on 220-8.

Cartworth never came to terms with the pace and aggression of Jonny Mitchell as he took seven wickets.

Mitchell received excellent support from Nick Finnigan and Danny Dickinson to restrict the Holmfirth based side to 123-8.

With nearest rivals Bradley and Colnebridge going down to an unexpected defeat at the hands of Durkar, Westborough clinched the championship with three games to spare.

Captain Dave Lodge was delighted with his team's performance: "We have worked extremely hard this season and I am proud of every member of the squad.

"We have held our discipline on the field with everyone contributing to the success. Having narrowly missed out on promotion in the last two years this is extra special," he said.

"Westborough have the players to do well in Section A and we will be looking at strengthening in a couple of areas, with a spin bowler the main priority.

"I would also like to offer special thanks to our chairman Bill Parkinson, secretary Barry Mitchell and treasurer Dave Booth who have played a massive role in transforming this cricket club."

Lodge also praised his vice captain Chris Day: "Chris and I have worked in tandem for six years and we have developed an excellent understanding."

Lodge was coy about his future as captain: "This is my 13th year as first team captain and no doubt discussions will take place over the next month regarding next season. At the moment I just want to enjoy the remainder of the season in the knowledge that the pressure is now off."



