

Vandals ruin cricket turf

VANDALS have wrecked Skelmanthorpe Cricket Club's field with just a week to go to the start of the season.

Hundreds of pounds worth of damage was caused by vandals who have dug a 7+ ft by 4ft strip out of the practice wicket — part of the club's £5,000 all weather pitch.

Not only has this hindered practices but there is now a gaping hole in the outfield of the main cricket pitch meaning repairs will have to be carried out before next weekend's first match.

The club and police are appealing for witnesses who may have information about the culprits.

Anyone with information should contact Pc Trevor Rowley, at Kirkburton Police Station, on Huddersfield 436897.

Pc Rowley said the police understand that often people do not want to get involved in such matters but he pointed out that they could contact him in confidence.