

# PREPARING THE PITCH

## Malcolm Heywood on the club's re-formation

In 1841, Todmorden folded for some reason and by 1850 Fielden had wanted the team to start up again.



The pitch had started being prepared on 18 February 1850 and by 1 April it was ready apparently, which should give some indication of what kind of state it was in.

Pitches back then were very rough, the outfielders were dangerous and batting techniques were very different!

In 1864 over-arm bowling was legalised by the MCC as most clubs were doing it anyway.

Ten days before it was legalised, Todmorden had fallen out with a local club who had been chastised by the Todmorden umpire for bowling over-arm.