

FLOWER POWER

Julie Heaton on Upper Hopton the place

Lower Hopton and Upper Hopton are very distinct. Lower Hopton is almost part of Mirfield; Upper Hopton is much more separate.



The village of Upper Hopton isn't really that interested in the cricket club. It's very focused on the Village in Bloom competition, which has spring and summer judging. I think they think the cricket club doesn't look as nice as the village!

Only two out of our 22 senior cricketers live in Upper Hopton. I'd say it was quite an elderly village – so many of the people are a bit too old to play cricket!

The cricket club has had a link to the nearby working men's club in the past, but this has died out slightly. In many ways, Upper Hopton CC exists in isolation.

There isn't much in the village now: there's no shop and the post office is closing down soon. But there is the working men's club and Croft House, which is an old village hall and in many ways the focal point of the village.