

Emley CC: Upper Lane Heritage Graphic

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Emley Parish Church – St, Michael the Archangel’s Church is just visible from the cricket ground. In 1874 the restoration of the church began and today it stands as a proud symbol of Emley village.

Upper Lane – Rugby and football have both been played right next to the cricket ground, with no discernible border between the two pitches. The main stand forms part of an interesting and possibly unique backdrop for local league cricket.



Scorebox – Not visible from the photograph, but the view we have is one not too dissimilar to that which the scorers would have – a good, side-on view of proceedings.

Floodlights – one of five that stands overlooking the ground.

Emley Moor Transmitting Station - the top of the tower stands 1,949 feet above sea level and is the third station to be erected after the second mast collapsed amid heavy winds in 1969. The first mast was built in 1956 to provide independent television broadcasts around Yorkshire. It was replaced by the doomed second mast in 1964. Transmitting to many millions of homes, it is the tallest free-standing structure in the British Isles.

Pavilion - Today, Upper Lane is a pleasant cricketing venue. The pavilion is a small white building that is a perfect location for watching cricket. The changing rooms are located either side of the kitchen 'hatch'.



New Housing – As well as trees dominating the boundary edge, new houses can be seen behind the pavilion. The lucky residents have a brilliant view of the cricketing action.

Playing Area – is beautifully kept and is largely surrounded by trees and houses, while the views out to the east are nothing short of spectacular.

Sightscreen – one of two wheeled sightscreens; these contraptions are so important for the batsman, who rely on a clear eye line as the bowler comes in to bowl.