

'Howzat for a fast service!'

A CRICKET club has been bowled over by Kirklees Council's speedy solution to a vandalism problem.

David Sykes, a committee member at Moorlands Cricket Club in Mirfield, emailed Cllr Martyn Bolt last Monday after a series of attacks on the clubhouse, to see if Kirklees could provide any cash to help solve the problem.

The club's home in Mirfield Memorial Park faces away from the road, so people up to no good are difficult to spot from Huddersfield Road.

Cllr Bolt said: "There are two ways to help with finance in this sort of project.

"One is grant allocation and the other is a department writing a report to be put before a Kirklees area committee.

"As the Moorlands ground is owned by the council and leased back to the club it is suitable for a report to be written.

"When I rang officers at the council they said how soon do you want it?"

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"I told them the best time would be on Thursday, for the area committee.

"The next day I was bowled over to receive the report, ready for Thursday."

The report asked committee members to consider paying £2,000 for shutter rollers to stop burglars trying to steal from the pavilion clubhouse.

And the committee decided to grant the £2,000.

Cllr Bolt, a former Mirfield Mayor added: "If we had had to wait until the April committee meeting the damage could have ended up costing the club and community even more.

"The officers were brilliant in this case. Their actions made a real difference."

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