

# PEACEFUL SETTING

## Derek Pickford on the ground

I look after the ground with my mate Norman Manning. I'm retired now so I've got a bit of time to spare. I spend maybe 10 hours a week on the ground and I find it very satisfying.

Each spring we paint the benches around the ground; and we also sort out all the club tackle!



Denby Lane is a tranquil and peaceful setting. During the Foot & Mouth outbreak in 2001, we had to take precautions. If the ball went into the adjacent farmer's field we had to put on our wellies – but our matches took place okay.