

Don't be stumped, girls — try cricket

GIRLS are being encouraged to give cricket a try by a Holme Valley club.

Holmbridge Cricket Club is recruiting youngsters for its junior sides — and wants girls to come along as well as boys.

Club committee member Dave Travis said: "There is nothing for children to do round here. We have a cricket club with a pitch which is basically just used once a week.

"Committee members felt it would be a way of getting more out of the club and offering

something for youngsters to do in the evenings."

And if there is a good response from girls to the appeal Mr Travis said the club would organise some friendly games for next year.

Mr Adrian Whittaker, president of the Yorkshire Electricity Huddersfield Central Cricket League, said girls were allowed to play junior league games.

A number of clubs around the area — including Thurstonland, Cumberworth and

Shelley — have some talented young female players.

Mr Whittaker added: "I am sure it is only a matter of time before we have ladies' teams or a lady good enough to make it into a local side."

At senior level mixed and women's teams would only be allowed to play friendly matches.

Clare Taylor, the Huddersfield-based cricket and soccer international, is trying to set up a local all-girls team.