

# MASSIVE SPORTING BOOST FOR VILLAGE

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several schemes to revitalize community sport in its activities.

They hope to employ more staff and offer new training facilities to build a cricketing base.

Since the club was founded in 1921 —

plans to be one of Yorkshire's first to establish senior and junior women's teams.

Ground manager Trevor Rowley said: "We want to press ahead as a family club."

"The best way to do this is to get members of the family interested in watching and playing — young or old, male or female."

By IAN DRURY

**AMBITIOUS** £270,000 plans to revitalise a cricketing community will be unveiled next week.

Denby Dale Cricket Club officials will announce a scheme aimed at revamping sport and recreation in the village.

The project — due for completion in April, 1998 — is designed to improve cricket in Denby Dale by replacing outdated training and playing facilities while providing a social amenity for residents.

Account manager Richard Hobson said: "We want a top-quality cricket centre which will benefit everyone in the village, not just players and their families."

The scheme's centrepiece will be a new state-of-the-art two-storey pavilion with changing rooms, electronic scoreboard and tea-room with balcony. It will be located alongside Cuckstool Road, on the site of the present tea tent.

It will have two modern community rooms for use by village groups and as a teaching base for Huddersfield Technical College courses.

Project chiefs are also looking to install a computerised information centre to offer residents advice on job and education opportunities.

The ground will

undergo extensive landscaping, including picnic area with riverside nature walks, new seats, a dog walking area and disabled access to all areas of the ground by a raised path around the boundary edge.

Mr Hobson said: "Denby Dale needs a leisure facility where people feel safe and happy, something which involved them as part of the community

whether that be through education, entertainment or recreation

"Hence the idea of having nature area, creche and community rooms. We want everyone to feel they have a place here."

But cricket will remain a key focus for the club, however officials plan to pri-

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# Clubhouse 'dream' nears target

By DAVID EYRE

DENBY Dale Cricket Club's ambitious plans to create a community facility for the whole village look set to become a reality.

This week the club was promised more than £8,000 from the Foundation For Sports And The Arts — the pools companies' good causes fund.

That's on top of £200,000 pledged by the National Lottery in August.

And thanks to donations and sponsorship from local people and businesses, building work on the club's £270,000 dream home looks set to start soon.

Accounts manager Richard Hobson said: "We're getting very near to reaching the target — two weeks I think; it's as close as that.

"We're pleased with the big grants we've been given from the Foundation and the Lottery, but we're over the moon with the way local people have come together to help the project.

"It will be something for the whole village."

The cricket club scheme will see a whole host of improvements to the Cuckstool Lane ground:

● A new state-of-the-art two-storey pavilion

with changing rooms, electronic scoreboard and tea-room with balcony

● Two modern community rooms for use

by village groups and as a teaching base for Huddersfield Technical College

● Picnic area with

riverside nature walks, new seats, dog walking area

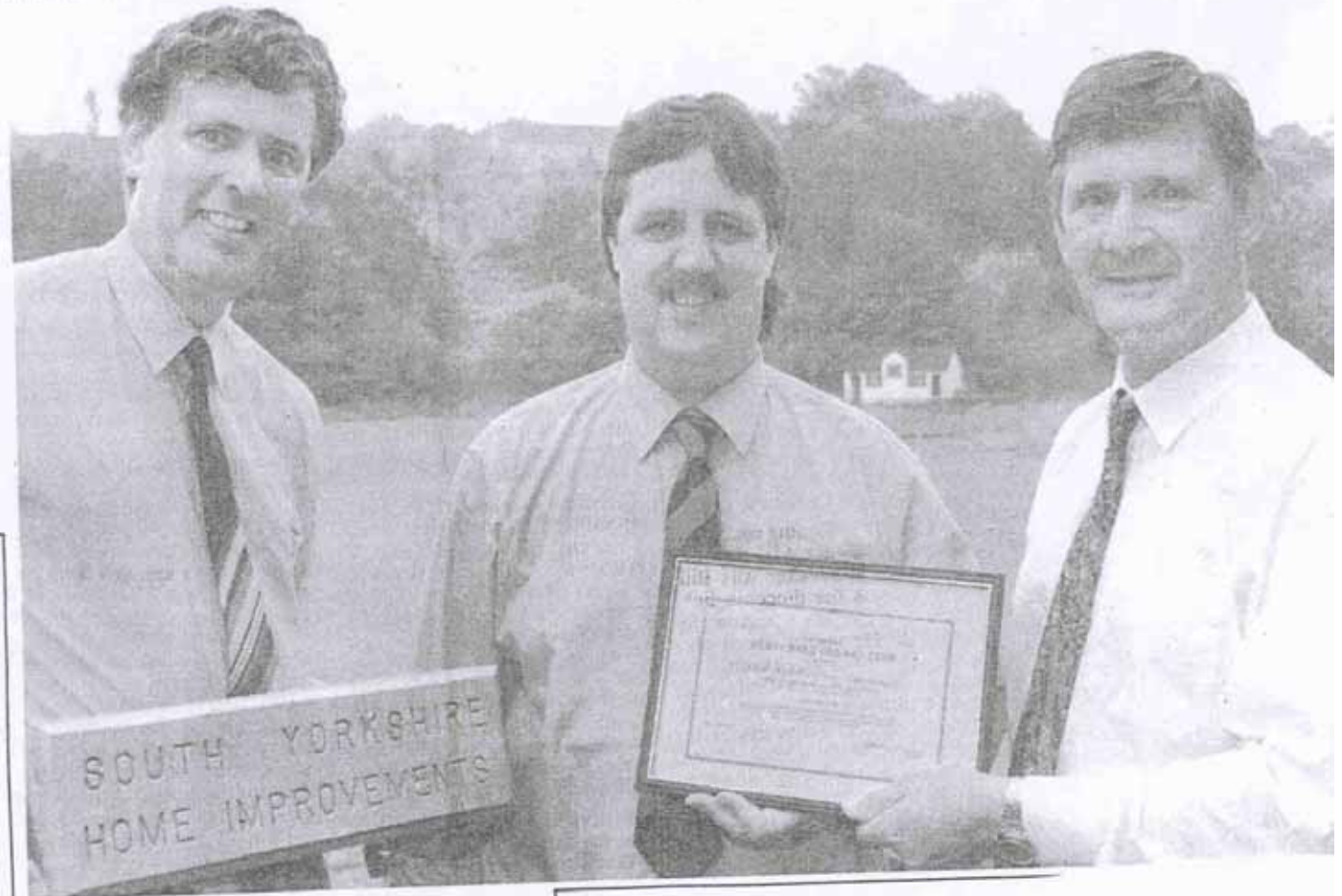
● Disabled access to all areas of the ground.

The project is due to be finished in April next year.

The club still hopes local people will buy the last few bricks and trees

still available through their 'Buy A Brick' sponsorship scheme.

● To sponsor a brick or a tree, call Richard Hobson on 863139.



John Hutchings of South Yorkshire Home Improvements is pictured handing the company's sponsored brick to the Denby Dale club's accounts manager Richard Hobson and project manager Peter Bowden.

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# Club stumped by tree attack

A CRICKET CLUB has been attacked over the destruction of poplar trees.

Denby Dale Cricket Club is felling trees to make way for a new pavilion which is being built using £198,000 of lottery cash.

But one local resident has hit out at the club for "destroying" trees.

He said: "I was overjoyed to hear that Denby Dale Cricket Club were to be the recipients of a large sum of lottery cash.

"Does this mean they are allowed to chop down an avenue of poplar trees that have been part of village life for as long as I can remember?

"So much for their promise that the new development would be environmentally friendly."

Mr Richard Hobson, accounts

manager for the club, explained that some of the trees were already dead and the decision to fell them was made in consultation with Denby Dale Conservation Group.

Mr Steve Robinson of the group said: "There was one big poplar tree by the entrance which was an unfortunate loss.

"But the others were well past their best and one was dead.

"There will be quite a considerable amount of compensatory planting," he said.

He and members of the cricket club had liaised with Kirklees Council's tree officer over the felling.

A total of around eight trees will go to make way for the new pavilion and to redevelop the field.

# Cricket club runs up big total thanks to Lottery

A VILLAGE cricket club has been promised £200,000 National Lottery cash to create a new community facility.

Cash is winging its way to Denby Dale Cricket Club for a complete overhaul of its site including a new pavilion and upgraded playing fields with space for community use such as Huddersfield Technical College classes.

The club has already raised £27,000 and has to find another £40,000 before the building can go ahead.

But club accounts manager Richard Hobson, who received the good news today, said: "We are delighted. It is an excellent chunk of the total needed. We are highly excited.

"It will be a modern facility at Denby Dale Cricket Club and recreation facilities for everybody in the community. It will not just be a cricket field for 22 old men to run around on."

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**By BEVERLEY ADDY**

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Other bids for cash have been lodged with various European funding bodies — but so far the club has no news how they are going.

It is also 'selling bricks' for the new pavilion to raise cash.

A kitchen, toilets, disabled facilities, multi-purpose room, changing rooms and storage will be included in the two-storey pavilion which will be partly sunk into the ground.

The River Dearne runs under the field and 75-year-old railway sleepers hold up the culvert roof. That will be completely replaced.

A dog walking area is to be created while conservation sites will provide other walking areas at either end of the field and the steep banking's height is to be reduced.

● See the **It's Happening** page in next Tuesday's *Examiner* for an overview of the Lottery's impact on Huddersfield.