

Waterside

4th March 1879.

Report of Drainage-work on Tod^r Cricket Ground.
to the Com: of the Tod^r Cricket Club.

Mess^{rs} Craven and Lord report having consulted with Mr Fielden in respect to what he considered best to be done to improve the drainage, afterwards ^{they} set to work in having the drains opened, and found them choked up, almost without exception, so as to prevent any flow of water through the 2 inch drain pipes.

To remedy this, 145 openings have been made on all parts of the ground to the 2 inch pipe drains, and the whole of them cleared out from end to end by pushing a sweep brush through; Sunderland, the sweep having been engaged to do this part of the work, whilst in opening out we have had three men engaged the foreman being Mr Greenwood of Gauxholm a good hand for the job, also John Barker last two years ground keeper, and another person.

On the Turf side we have cleared out a 5 inch stone drain, and into this have put 5 cross drains to each of the places where forms are fixed on match days.

About the members tent nearest centre vale 5 connections and new drains have been made to clear the water off, that generally stands some inches deep after heavy rains.

The whole lot has been filled with clinkers to the requisite depth and covered with soil, and during the heavy rains in Nov^r & Dec^r last we had a good opportunity of seeing that the flow of water in drains were ^{was} all right.

The cost to the Club has been £42 8 10^d, and the new pipes & couplings, had been supplied by Mr Fielden as also all the Cartage, and clinkers for filling up the drains, which if borne by the Club would at least have doubled the cost.

We submit that a lot of sods for the field and leveling up ground, is yet needed.

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