

Females bowl 'em over at cricket club

By Karen Grattage

Women are leading the way into the new century at Skelmanthorpe Cricket Club — and they've caught positions as chair and vice-chair.

Margaret Dollive (left), a hospital worker, and Beverley Crossland (right), a local hairdresser, are the first female members of the committee and they've scooped top jobs.

Members say the club — which dates from the 1800's — is breaking new ground and it's all down to the ladies.

Women first became involved at Skelmanthorpe two years ago when a group of wives and mothers took on the role of renovating the club house.

Mrs Dollive said: "We did a lot of work behind the scenes doing fundraising and then painting and decorating the club.

"Everything was done — from putting up new curtains to refurbishing the bar. Now our main task is collecting money for new carpets."

Her first aim as chairman is to develop links between the junior and senior sides as well as open up the club to more women.

She said: "The ladies did have one match with the junior team last summer and we won with the help of a few strange tactics.

"My husband and sons have played for Skelmanthorpe but I first became involved when my dad was a cricketer, so it's always been part of my life."

Mrs Dollive and Mrs Crossland have already led two committee meetings and say they have been made very welcome.



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S. Glover	R. Saviille	R. Aspinall	M. Guest	J.E. Dollive	N. Hepworth	D. Wilkinson
S. Hartill	C. Glover	P. Redgwick (Capt)	M. Joice	A. Dollive	J. Crossland	