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**BATLEY CRICKET & BOWLING CLUB RECORDS**

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## INTRODUCTION

In the early 19th century there were many sporting clubs in Batley and the cricketing side eveloped in 1863 when the Prince of Wales Cricket Club dubbed itself with the town's name. The first field played on was at Staincliffe followed by moves to Mount Pleasant, Howley Fields, Whitaker Whim and Billy Wood's Croft near Howley Hall.

With gathering numbers and increasing financial support, Batley Cricket Club left the croft and rented land at Mount Pleasant.

The Club has achieved many successes including winning the Heavy Woollen District Challenge Cup competition in 1894, 1895, 1900, 1905, 1911, 1919 & 1922

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WYK1361	(1862)-2006	Comprises of photocopies and newspaper cuttings 1 bundle (10 items)
WYK1361/1	(1862)-2006	<u>EPHEMERA</u> 10 items
WYK1361/1/1	(1899)	Newspaper cutting Batley v Morley, score from the Batley Reporter (copy)
WYK1361/1/2	(1919)	Jubilee handbook (photocopy) of the Corporation of Batley by J S Newsome. Includes article re: Batley cricket, athletic and football ground
WYK1361/1/3	(21 Sep 1929)	Obituary (photocopy) re: George William Robinson from the 'Reporter'
WYK1361/1/4	(1935)	Newspaper cutting 'A Batley Tenor's Death in Canada, the late John H B Redfern'
WYK1361/1/5	(1978)	'The History of Batley' (photocopy) by Malcolm H Haigh. Article re: the sporting scene
WYK1361/1/6	(1982)	Newspaper cutting (photocopy) 'Batley Relegated'
WYK1361/1/7	1999	Programme
WYK1361/1/8	(2004)	Daily Times website page (photocopy) Re: 'Cricket bridges ethnic divide in Yorkshire'
WYK1361/1/9	2006	Newspaper cutting 'Back in business, bowlers win court battle to use Mount Pleasant' by David Bentley, Dewsbury Reporter
WYK1361/1/10	(1862-1977)	Photographs & newspaper cutings (photocopies) Includess newspaper report re: 'The All England v Batley & District Cricket Match (1862) Arial view of ground (nd) Team photographs (1940s-1977)