

Calder Valley League (1891-1912)

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Formed for the Sunday School teams of the Calder Valley, sometimes with separate sections for Hebden Bridge and Todmorden, it grew to 24 teams by the end of its first decade, but fell back thereafter, struggling for members from 1908 when the Hebden Bridge teams left. Surviving teams are Old Town, Mytholmroyd, Salem (now Hebden Bridge), Mytholmroyd Wesleyans (now Mytholmroyd Methodists/Halifax) and Todmorden 3rds. The other member-clubs were:

Lumbutts (1891-1901 and 1906-12). Played at Heyhead. League winners in 1891.

Knowlwood (1891-1895 and 1908-12). Played at Mytholmroyd.

Cross Stone (1891-1903). Played at Hillhouse. Todmorden section winners in 1896.

Heptonstall Slack (1891-1907). Played at Popples. League winners in 1892, plus Section 'B' in 1905.

Bridge Street (1891-1900 and 1908-12). Played at Longfield. Todmorden section winners in 1898.

St James's (1891-1907). Played at Sandbeds and Greenhouse.

Cross Lanes (1891-4 and 1896-8). Played at Foster Holme and Calder Holme.

Cornholme (1892-1906). League winners in 1895, plus 1903 and 1905 (Section 'A').

Unitarians (1892-94 and 1908-12). League winners in 1910.

Eastwood (1892-1907 and 1910-12). League winners in 1893, plus 1897, 1904 and 1907 (Hebden section).

Heptonstall Parish (1892-1907). Played at Top o' th' Eaves. Section winners in 1901, 1902 and 1904.

Hebden Bridge United Star (1892-94). Played at Calder Holme.

Walsden Wesleyans (1892).

Todmorden Church (1892-1912). Played at Dobroyd Castle. League winners in 1908, 1911 and 1912, and section winners in 1899 and 1900.

Catholic Association (1892-95). Played at Lee Mill Holme.

Crimsworth (1892-94).

Birchcliffe (1893-1900 and 1906-07). Played at Nook, Nell Carr and Carrs Farm. League winners in 1894, plus 1896 and 1898 (Hebden section). The ground in 1897 was described as being situated on the hillside of Hebden Bridge, opposite the station; it measured 100 yards by 65, had a small pavilion and seating for about 80. The club used the adjoining field for practice.

Castle Street (1893-97). Played at Woodhouse.

St Peter's (1893).

Patmos (1893-96). Played at Whirlaw.

York Street (1893-98).

Harley Wood (1893-99). Section 'A' winners in 1897, playing on the Church Road ground earlier used by defunct Lydgate.

Hope Street, later **Hope Baptists** (1893 and 1902-07).

Roomfield (1894-95 and 1903-11). Todmorden section winners in 1906.

Cragg Vale (1894-1905). Played at Deacon Hill.

Cloughfoot (1894-1912).

Hebden Bridge Liberal Club (1899-1902). Played at Calder Holme. Section 'A' winners in 1899 and 1902.

Mytholmroyd St Michael's (1899-1907). Section 'B' winners in 1900, 1901 and 1903.

Wellington Road (1901-06).

Lanebottom (1901-02). Played at Moorhey.

Inchfield Bottom (1903-10).

Holme (1910).