

## Todmorden and District Cricket League 1893-1959

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<b>CLUB</b>	<b>GROUND</b>	<b>OTHER INFORMATION</b>
Bridge Street Bridgeholme	Longfield Cross Stone; Station House	played one season, 1951; had no ground until 1952
British Picker	Longfield	
C Crabtree's & S & A Barker's	Heyhead	
Castle Street	Woodhouse	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI were founder members
Cloughfoot	Cloughfoot	
Cornholme	Chatham, Portsmouth	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI were founder members
Cross Stone	Hillhouse, Cross Stone	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI were founder members
Dulesgate		
Eastwood	Station House, Eastwood	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI were founder members
Excelsior	Shore	
Harley Wood	Harley Wood, Lydgate	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI were founder members
Inchfield Bottom	Heights Houses, Walsden	
Knotts	Sourhall	
Knowlwood	Swineshead	
Lanebottom	Moor Hey (Walsden)	
Lumbutts	Heyhead, Mankinholes Croft aka Shoebroad(1901)	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI were founder members

Lydgate	Lydgate	previous team in 1870s and 80s, disbanded owing to lack of funds in 1887
Mankinholes Old Students Parish Church Patmos	Mankinholes Cross Stone	
Roomfield	Whirlaw (c.1893-1915) Brown Hills (by 1920) Sandholme Rough (1894)	
Smith's Limited Spiritualists Todmorden Church Todmorden Cricket Club 3 <sup>rd</sup> XI Todmorden White Rose Unitarians Walsden Wesleyans Wellington Road	Dobroyd Centre Vale	founder members
York Street	Shoebroad aka Croft Rough (Walsden) Haugh Top and East Heyhead Blackheath Longfield (1890s) Heyhead (by 1920)	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI were founder members

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Extract from *Lost: The Former Cricket Clubs and Cricket Grounds of Halifax and Calderdale* by Andrew Hardcastle (Cricket Heritage Project Publications, 2006, £5)

Until the Calder Valley League closed in 1912, most members were the 2<sup>nd</sup> XIs of clubs in that league. It always struggled for numbers, some Todmorden-based sides preferring the Hebden Bridge League, the Ribblesdale League or the Rochdale and District League. All are now defunct apart from Todmorden 3rds and Bridgeholme, who began in this league in 1951. No complete list exists, but the inaugural teams were:

**Cornholme 2nds**

**York Street 2nds**

**Todmorden White Rose**

**Eastwood 2nds**

**Cross Stone 2nds**

**Lumbutts 2nds**

**Castle Street 2nds**

**Harley Wood 2nds**

The teams at the end in 1959 were:

**Charles Crabtree Ltd. (earlier C. Crabtree and S. & A. Barkers)**

**Cross Stone**

**Todmorden 3rds**

**Dobroyd School**

**Lumbutts**

Other teams included:

**British Picker**

**Knotts**

**Walsden St Peters**

**Patmos**

**Inchfield Bottom**

**Roomfield**

**Holme**

**Todmorden Church**

**Cloughfoot**

**Bridge Street**

**Unitarians**

**Wellington Road**

**Lane Bottom**