

MOORLANDS CRICKET CLUB

MEMORIAL PARK MIRFIELD

BRIEF HISTORY

The Club was formed in 1884 as Moorlands Methodist Church Cricket Club. It played in the Sunday School League, on a field owned by local Mill owner Sam Fenton. When The Dewsbury and District Cricket League was formed in 1911, Moorlands C.C. was one of the founder members.

The Club played for many years on a sloping field on Church Lane, Dewsbury Moor. When this was sold for housing it moved to a Corporation field at Sands Lane Dewsbury. This was home to the Club until 1986 when the Club moved to its present ground at Memorial Park Mirfield. The Club applied to join The Huddersfield Central Cricket League in 1987 and was accepted for the 1988 season. In 1996 work was started in preparing a Lottery Application and after much hard work a Grant of £75,000 was obtained. The total cost of the project being around £120,000. Work started at the end of the 1997 season and was completed in time for the beginning of the 1998 season. The Club can now boast some of the best facilities in the League.

Over the years the Club has had mixed success on the field - in 1933, 1957 and 1983, The Second XI Cup was won - in 1935 and 1936 The Jessop Cup (section A) was won.

1991 was a particularly successful year, thanks in part to a successful Junior policy. The Armitage Cup was won by the U-17 XI, The Wakefield Cup and Divisional Championship were won by the newly formed Sunday XI and The Tinker Cup was won by The Second XI. The U-17's won The Armitage Cup again in 1993 and were losing semi-finalists in 1996.

The First XI won The Allsop Cup in 1996 and The Evening League side won The Denby Grange Evening League in the same year.

1997/98 saw many changes for the Club - it was accepted into The Central Yorkshire Cricket League, the new Clubhouse was officially opened and it changed its name from Dewsbury Moorlands Cricket Club to Moorlands Cricket Club, to reflect the fact that it was now firmly based in Mirfield.

In 1999 the Second XI won the 2nd XI Championship and the Mirfield Sports Council Team award, whilst the U-17's won the Brackenbury Cup.

The Club gained promotion to the First division by winning the First XI league championship in the year 2001. In 2004 the First XI won the Presidents Trophy for First XI runners up in the Yorkshire Council play offs.

The Club prides itself in its Junior Cricket set-up and now has Four qualified coaches, coaching U-11, U-13, U-15 and U-17's. The U-13 XI won The Dewsbury Reporter Trophy in 1994 and again in 1995, when they also won The Tom Austin Trophy. The U-11's won the Nancie Richards Trophy and the U-13's won the Jack Byrne Trophy in 2001. In 2004 the U-15's won the Leslie Ruddlesden Cup and the Heavy Woollen Cricket Society Cup. The U-17's won the Brackenbury Cup.