

Westborough CC

The origins of Westborough C.C. lie with two former Dewsbury & District League clubs.

One of these clubs was Dewsbury NALGO C.C., which was formed through a local branch of the National Association of Local Government Officers.

The other club involved in the roots of Westborough C.C. was a local pub team called White Hart C.C..

In 1972 both the Dewsbury NALGO and White Hart clubs competed in Section 'B' of the Dewsbury & District League.

During the 1970s, local government reorganisation had a major impact on Dewsbury NALGO C.C.. By the 1980s White Hart C.C. had also stumbled on hard times and the club was also looking for a lifeline.

The two clubs decided to merge and became 'The Hart C.C.', who by 1989 were playing in Section 'C' of the Dewsbury & District League.

Tragedy struck The Hart C.C. in 1991 when the pavilion at the club's council-owned Healds Road ground was set ablaze. The fire caused thousands of pounds worth of damage and the police suspected arson.

The future Westborough C.C. underwent another change of identity in 1994.

This time the end of the club's relationship with the White Hart pub caused a new HQ to be found. The club ended up using another local pub called the Royal Oak and became Royal Oak C.C..

Along with the new identity came entry into a new competition as Royal Oak C.C. joined the Wakefield & District Cricket Union.

In 1998 the club once again took on a new identity as Westborough C.C. was born. They chose this name on account of their geographical base: their council-owned Healds Road HQ was located slap bang in the middle of the Dewsbury suburb of Westborough.

The start of the 2002 season was marred by another fire at Healds Road. The local council stepped in and supplied the club with a small replacement clubhouse.

Every cloud has a silver lining...and the fire encouraged the club to develop its relationship with Westborough Methodist Church. And for the past few years the church hall has acted as tearoom on Saturday and Sunday afternoons, with players trooping across the road for some wonderful teatime food.

In the last decade, Westborough have scooped their fair share of silverware: the Huddersfield Central League Section 'D' title in 1998, Section 'C' in 1999, and Section 'B' in 2002.

Westborough continue to flourish in the Central League – and have just moved pub HQ: from The Woolpack to The Swan at Mirfield.

And in Barry Mitchell, Dave Booth and Dave Lodge, Westborough have three outstanding and hardworking club stalwarts.