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“One of the best cricket clubs in the neighbourhood... With its picturesque pavilion, the cricket field is not only one of the largest cricket-fields in the neighbourhood, but one of the old beauty spots still left among us...It has had its bright and dark days, ups and downs, sulks and recoveries. When the club has been nearing highest honours, I have seen large and enthusiastic crowds line the field. If a member made a false step in a keenly contested struggle, the air has suddenly become highly charged with exacting criticism, fault finders feeling convinced that they could have played the match much better.”

Mary Jagger, History of Honley (1914)

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“When the club moved to their new ground at Northgate they were very strong, and carried on with great success until the formation of the present Armitage Bridge club, which resulted in the loss of a number of Honley’s playing members and the consequent weakening of the team. Until then the club was unusually strong, both in batting and bowling, and fully held its own against most powerful rivals.”

Taken from Huddersfield Daily Examiner series, ‘King Willow’s Haunts’
(2 July 1932)

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“Honley have probably not won the Sykes Cup as often as they should have in relation to their appearances in the final.”

Taken from the Drakes Huddersfield & District League Centenary Brochure (1992)

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“A picture in winter and summer alike”.

One cricket-watcher’s verdict on Far End Lane, 1951

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*“Come and enjoy yourself in
pleasant surroundings.”*

Honley’s message to local cricket-watchers in the 1969
Huddersfield & District League handbook.