

## SHELLEY CC

# HOME SWEET HOME

***While not being unique, [Shelley C.C.] is certainly one of the few local cricket clubs to own its own ground. The ground, one of the largest in the Huddersfield League, is generally considered to be an ideal venue for both final and semi-final competition matches. With the growth of the new housing development around it, the cricket field has now become more central to the village instead of being on the outskirts.***

**[A local website]**



If you're approaching Shelley from either Kirkburton or Skelmanthorpe, the landmarks to look out for are the Oddfellows pub and Shelley Stores. When you spot these, you're only a few hundred yards away from Shelley's Westerley Lane HQ.



The ground is located just off the A616, which heads off in the direction of Skelmanthorpe, Scissett and Clayton West. On one side, the ground backs on to new houses; on the other, to a well used recreation ground (Shelley F.C. moved in to this field in 1962). It is also close to Emley Mast, which dominates the skyline as you look out from the changing rooms.

The clubhouse, which backs on to Westerley Lane, is newly built and incorporates bar and tea room. Pinned to the wall is a large noticeboard and a variety of S.C.C. mementos.



The building that houses the changing rooms is right next door - and is built in an almost identical style.

The playing area is big, slopes slightly upwards from the pavilion and is enclosed on two sides by a turreted dry stone wall. There are adverts for a local garden centre and a tool hire company on the western side of the ground.



Also dotted around the perimeter are a maintenance hut, a large blue plastic cover, and a chunky-looking roller. The sightscreens are wheeled and transparent, and in blustery winds can be blown over quite easily.





The Club may be small in relative terms, but it gives off a professional vibe.

Note, for example, the posters and notices that are on display in the pavilion:

**CARS - PLEASE DRIVE TO FAR END AND PARK! DO NOT BLOCK THE ROUTE ALONG BOUNDARY.**

**SPECTATORS £1 (AS PER DRAKES LEAGUE RULES). APPLIES TO: ALL 1<sup>ST</sup> TEAM GAMES AND 2<sup>ND</sup> TEAM CUP GAMES. OR £5 SEASON'S MEMBERSHIP. PLEASE HAVE YOUR £1 READY FOR THE COLLECTOR. THANK YOU!**



