

WINDY AND HAZY

John Bleazard on the ground

The ground was dug out by miners – hence the embankment. They did this right at the start of the club's existence. They also raised the playing area at the bottom end.

I played a little at Undercliffe but not here. It's a superb arena, very pleasant and comfortable. But it can get windy and hazy, and also become a sun trap!



You can see four counties when you're sat in front of the clubhouse: Holme Moss, Derbyshire; Winter Hill, Lancashire; and Cheshire is just visible. Plus West Yorkshire of course!

You can also make out Castle Hill, Huddersfield, and see towards Chain Bar, Hunsworth, Wyke, Morley and Birkenshaw. The ground is a natural arena and is also quite exposed to the elements.

In the mid-1990s we received a big grant to help us renovate the changing rooms, create an artificial wicket and carry out other ground improvements. I think everything cost around £130,000 in total and as a club we had to raise just over £32,000, which we did through various bits of fundraising.