

SIMON LEES TROPHY

INFORMATION ABOUT STEPHEN WILLIAMS OF BLACKLEY CRICKET CLUB

This person is a stalwart of his club.

He joined the club as a junior player in the sixties at the age of 10, progressing to senior cricket and becoming 1st team captain for two seasons in the eighties. He retired from playing cricket in 2014. Those of you who know him well will not be surprised that he kept a record of the number of runs he scored, which total over 15,000.

During his time at the club he has been very dedicated to junior cricket, being a team manager and coach from 1971 to 2015 and also the Junior Co-Ordinator from 2005 to date.

In addition to this he has been a committee member since 1970, held the office of club secretary from 1976 to 81 and bar treasurer from 1979 to date.

He has also been the club league representative since 1993.

He was instrumental in his club being the first club in Calderdale to achieve clubmark accreditation from the ECB in 2005.

If the club is applying for funding for new projects he is the 'go to' person for completing all the relevant paperwork and setting the wheels in motion. Six years ago he secured from the ECB an interest free loan of thirty thousand pounds towards a full clubhouse refurbishment and this year a grant for over twenty thousand pounds for two new on-field practice wickets and nets.

During his 52 years at the club he has volunteered incalculable hours playing, coaching, attending meetings, serving behind the bar and actively working to help maintain the high standards of the ground and club facilities, which ensures that we remain one of the top clubs in the Halifax League.

He is a very dedicated and willing person for whom the club members are full of respect and admiration, not only for all his hard work but also for being a great ambassador for both his club and cricket.