



Theme 4

The Origins of the Clubs

Pupil Resource Sheet 1a

Club	Date Founded	Who Founded the Club
Barrow	1875	Tom Baynes, a businessman who worked as a shipping clerk in Barrow
Batley	1880	Batley Cricket Club asked other local sports' clubs to join them. Batley Athletic Club did so. They formed Batley Cricket, Athletic and Football Club which played rugby in the winter.
Bradford	1863	Oates Ingham, an ex-public schoolboy and businessman who owned a dye works in Bradford
Bramley	1879	local churchmen, led by Reverend Cope
Dewsbury	1875	a pub landlord called William Blackburn and working men who were his friends and customers
Featherstone Rovers	1902	miners who worked at the local coal mine
Halifax	1873	local working men, and Mr S Duckett, a businessman from William Duckett and Co, a Halifax company that made things out of brass
Huddersfield	1864	an athletics club started to play rugby in the winter; it joined with St John's Cricket Club in 1875 to form the 'Huddersfield Cricket and Athletic Club'
Hull	1865	three local businessmen, all ex-public schoolboys; at first the club was based at a church
Hull Kingston Rovers	1883	businessmen and working men who were boilermakers
Hunslet	1883	Hunslet Cricket Club joined with two rugby football clubs. 'Albion' and 'Excelsior' as 'Hunslet Cricket and Football Club'
Keighley	1876	Reverend F Marriner, a local vicar and ex-public schoolboy who had family connections with the owners of local worsted mills, was a main organiser of the club and its first president

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Leeds	1870	called Leeds St John, at first its members had to belong to St John's church; later it let others join and changed its name to Leeds in 1890
Leigh	1877	local businessman Fred Ulph
Oldham	1876	mill owners Fred Wild and Alfred Emmott, and men leading the local police force, including the Chief Constable
Rochdale H	1871	3 local rugby football clubs joined together; they were set up by the sons of local businessmen who had learnt to play rugby at public school; local working men also helped to run the club
Salford	1879	local boys living in Cavendish Street who formed their own team called Cavendish Football Club; they changed the name to Salford in 1879
St Helens	1874	William Douglas Herman, the head chemist at Pilkington Brothers, Britain's largest glass-making company; Herman was an ex-public schoolboy
Swinton	1867	members of Swinton Cricket Club
Wakefield T	1873	the local Holy Trinity Church, where rugby was an activity for the young men's society
Warrington	1875	Warrington Zingari Football Club, which played rugby and was founded by local businessman Thomas Grix, joined with the Padgate Football Club
Widnes	1873	working men in the villages of Farnworth and Appleton formed Farnworth and Appleton Cricket and Football Club; the name was changed to Widnes in 1876.
Wigan	1872	members of Wigan Cricket Club
York	1868	ex-pupils of St Peter's public school