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I recently moved to Woodhouses this August. The presence of a family-friendly club with vibrant social events was one of the deciding factors for relocating to this village from the south of Manchester. Woodhouses Cricket Club offers varied activities for everyone in the community in addition to its core functions as a local sports club. Specifically, I noted the then upcoming Venture Fest music event being advertised and the well-maintained sporting facilities provided for families. The music festival helped reassure me that the village would offer a diverse and inclusive community, rather than be a sleepy dormitory settlement unfairly associated with the negative stereotypes of Oldham.

Since moving here, I have visited the Cricket Club with my wife, and we felt very welcomed as newcomers by the management, staff, and members. I was recently a member of a similar club, 'The Albert Bowling & Tennis Club' in West Didsbury, and I would say this club compares to it very well and perhaps, because it is such a lynchpin of village life, it exceeds it in relative importance. We felt no issues whatsoever with safety or any kind of nuisance during our attendance. My hope is that I can join soon and participate in the many good charitable works the club undertakes. Also, I would hope it maintains a dynamic range of events to help us integrate socially into the village and share these experiences with friends and family visiting our home.

Best regards,
Steve Haynes