



BOWLED OVER ... pictured back row, from left, are: Richard Todd, Pete Lockwood, Gareth Hunt, and Graham Hunt. Front, from left, are: Sam Batty, Rob Stephenson and Robert Roger. The young batsman in the nets is Harry Stenton

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# Dale bowled over by £4,000 grant

THORNTON Dale Cricket Club has been bowled over - thanks to a grant to buy new coaching equipment.

Thornton Dale CC has acquired a bowling machine with help from a £4,000 grant from not-for-profit organisation Mondegreen EB, Boston Spa, coupled with the club's own fund raising.

The bowling machine - a nationally-recognised coaching aid which creates consistent practice deliveries - was equipment which the club's qualified coaches Graham Hunt, Nick Read and Tim Hunt had wanted for some time.

Now the machine has become a reality thanks to the Mondegreen EB grant which was awarded through funds generated by waste manage-

ment business, Todd Waste Management Ltd, Thirsk, through its landfill tax contributions.

The family-run company, which marks its 100th anniversary this year, runs the waste site at Knapton, near Scarborough.

Todd Waste Management, managing director, Richard Todd, says: "We are delighted to support local projects such as this.

"We already had a link with Thornton Dale juniors by sponsoring some cricket equipment and are pleased that this bowling machine has been a real step up for them."

Coach Graham Hunt adds: "We have used the funds to acquire the bowling machine, new netting for the practice nets, a trolley to trundle the kit over from the pavilion and a slip-catching cradle. Several club

members have been trained to use the bowling machine to ensure its efficiency and safety. It's going to be marvellous for our coaching nights."

Thornton Dale CC, which has been awarded England & Wales Cricket Board Clubmark status, has grown its junior section by running both under-11s and under-15s sides alongside its established senior teams, including a new 3rd XI, to provide a stepping stone for the youngsters.

Todd Waste Management provides a waste management and recycling service to a wide range of customers from large public sector organisations, builders to individual households. It handles a wide range of wastes from the construction, industrial and commercial sectors as well as managing the disposal of hazardous materials.