

# FARTOWN TODAY

On the 30th April 1994, at approximately 4.50pm, the final whistle at Huddersfield Town's game v Blackpool brought down the curtain on not only the 93/94 season, but on the ground that had been home to Huddersfield Town for 86 years, the last two of which Fartown had been tenants. It signalled the start of what was to be the first ever partnership between a football club, a rugby league club and a local authority, in building a multi-purpose sports and leisure facility for not only the two clubs, but the general public as well.

The move benefited Fartown immensely, for they became partners in what is without question the best Rugby League ground in Great Britain. A fabulous twenty thousand capacity all seater stadium, a pitch the

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