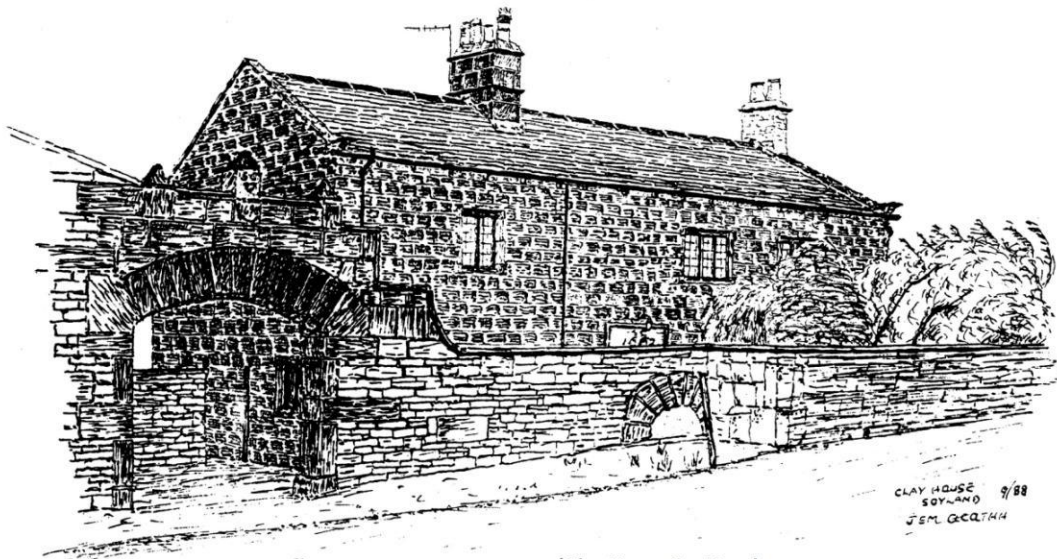


# Calderdale Heritage Walks

April to October 2022

2 to 3 hour Guided Walks exploring the heritage of this special area with our experienced guides.





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## Contact us

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# Summer Walks 2022

This programme details our walks for the 7 months April to October. As usual, the vast majority of walks are on Sundays though there are a few on Saturdays, Bank Holidays and the occasional summer evening event.

Most walks lasts 2 to 2¼ hours and those are fairly easy walking - normally on surfaced paths. A few walks are a little longer, use rural paths or are harder walking - there will be a note in the text about those. Walks suitable for powered wheelchairs are shown by the wheelchair symbol  (though a short diversion may be needed in places). Almost all starting points are served by public transport. Well behaved dogs on lead are allowed on walks unless indicated by the symbol . The majority of walks are circular finishing at the starting point however a few walks are linear and these are marked in the text.

Except where stated otherwise, the charge for our walks is £4 (all ages) and £5 for booked walks.


For many walks there's no need to book, just turn up and pay on the day. However others do need booking through TicketSource - <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/calderdale-heritage-walks>. If you need help with this, please call at Halifax Information Hub, Woolshops, near the Piece Hall.

Walks that require booking are shown in a box.

We must reserve the right not to take anyone on walks who seems unlikely to cope with the conditions. Every effort is made to adhere to the published programme, but we must also reserve the right to cancel or amend any walk if circumstances make that necessary. These walks are not really suited to under 13s.

Our website has more information about us and the walks at : <https://calderdaleheritagewalks.org.uk>

You can also catch us on Facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/CalderHeritage> Should any issues arise which might affect a walk's viability, we aim to post details on our page there.

**Unless stated, walks begin at 2pm.** Please wear appropriate footwear. Where  is shown, proper walking shoes or boots are strongly advised. Some walks are new or with a different guide, these are marked

## PRIVATE PARTY WALKS.

We have around 100 walks in our collective repertoire covering much of Calderdale and can provide experienced guides to lead walks for private parties or societies.

For more information, please contact us on [CdaleHeritageWalks@gmail.com](mailto:CdaleHeritageWalks@gmail.com)

**THURSDAY 14<sup>th</sup> April ANNE LISTER MEANS BUSINESS (and maybe some shopping).**  
**An evening walk.**

Anne Lister regularly strode down to Halifax from Shibden. She had to see her lawyer and her bank manager. Was there also time for shopping?

Guide: Jill Liddington

**SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> April (Easter Sunday)**

**WAINHOUSE TRAIL** 

An insight into Wainhouse Tower, the world's tallest folly and the area surrounding it. Who built it, why and when? Its height, the number of steps, how was it built without modern machinery. The trail takes a look at the industry and housing in the area. Access to the tower is not included.

Meet Sue Hanson at Wakefield Gate, adjacent to the Tower, off Skircoat Moor Road, HX2 7EN

**MONDAY 18<sup>th</sup> April (Easter Monday)**

**ODD TOD**

Straddling a historically fluid county border, Todmorden has acquired a name for strange, and sometimes dark, historical (and contemporary) happenings.


Meet John Billingsley postbox at market end of Todmorden Town Hall. OL14 5AA

**SATURDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> April MOCK MARRIAGES AND EFFIGY BURNING**  
**An evening walk.**

For the 1835 Election, Anne Lister and Ann Walker doorstepped their tenants. The 'Blue' candidate won Halifax by a single vote. Riots erupted, plus a malicious jibe at the Shibden household. Ends with Q&A at a Halifax pub.

Guide: Jill Liddington

**SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> May**

**QUEENS ROAD: LOST RAILWAY TERMINUS, VANISHED CHAPELS, TOFFEE FACTORIES AND ART SCHOOL** 

Looking at St Paul's railway terminus, Queens Hall, a fine 1912 church, sites of demolished Chapels, Mackintosh links, 1889 murder site, and a Slasher location.

Meet David Glover at HX1 3JP - Old St Paul's Churchyard *LINEAR WALK* ending at HX1 4NT (Jasper Street)

**MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MAY (BANK HOLIDAY) COTTON STONES TO KEBROYD 3HRS.** 

Woods, worms, water and more. See how a landscape was bound and transformed by a skein of silken thread! Footpaths and quiet roads. Short uphill climb on return.

Meet Anne Kirker at Cottonstones Church. HX6 3EU.

**SATURDAY 7<sup>th</sup> May      SUMMERTIME SAUNTER UP TO COLEY**

One summer's day in 1837, Anne Lister and Ann Walker walked through tranquil countryside up to Coley. What compelled Anne to visit such an isolated church? The walk will finish with Q&A at Lightcliffe Tea Rooms.      Guide: Jill Liddington and Ian Philp

**SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> May      TRANSPORT AND INDUSTRY IN TODMORDEN**

This walk explores the coming of the road, canal and railway and its impact on the development of industry in the town.

Meet Anne Mealia outside Todmorden Railway Station OL14 9BL

**SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> May      SECRETS OF SOYLAND **

An attractive upland settlement on an historic route into Lancashire. Interesting 17th century houses, a major 18th century entrepreneur, an innovative 19th century college, and quite a bit more! Quiet roads to Soyland Town and back. 2½hrs.

Meet Anne Kirker opposite the Beehive pub, at the junction of Hob Lane & Royd Lane. HX6 4LU

**FRIDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> June (Bank Holiday) YOUNG ANNE LISTER'S HALIFAX - A 3 Hour stroll**

Sites and buildings Anne knew: her childhood home, her school, her tutor's house, her usual bookshop, location where Miss Brown lived, and Christopher Rawson's bank.

Guide David Glover

**SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> June      CLIFTON'S RAILWAY  **

The social and industrial history of the steam-driven rope railway serving the local coal industry. We'll walk some of the track beds (by permission).

Meet John Brooke in the Armytage Arms car park, Clifton on the A643 1/2 mile north of Brighouse centre. HD6 4HX

**MONDAY evening 6<sup>th</sup> June      ANN WALKER'S LIGHTCLIFFE**

In 1830 Elizabeth & Ann Walker inherited much of Lightcliffe and became very wealthy. We walk round part of the estate passing where Ann lived. We finish in the churchyard where she is buried together with other members of her family, employees and tenants. The tower will be open with viewing restricted to the first 2 steps.

Guide: Ian Philp

**SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> June**

**OUTLAWS & NUNS**



These walks are on the private Kirklees Estate near Clifton, by kind permission of the owners. They include the former Nunnery site, Gate House, 15th to 18th century farm buildings, the Robin Hood connection and his grave there, plus other features of the estate.

The Guides are Margaret & David Nortcliffe and Ian Philp. The walk is 1½ miles, partly on woodland paths and strong shoes are advised. The walk will be repeated several times over the 2 days. There are no buses to the Estate on Sundays.

These walks are £5 per head. **Pre-booking is essential** and it will not be possible to just turn up on the day! Details and directions are sent out with the tickets.

**SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> July A BREWERY, A WINDMILL AND A LOST SETTLEMENT**



Visit the lost settlement of Todd Bottom. Various Shibden Valley properties seen from Northowram hill. Stone quarry failed partnership and an old village house.

Meet Mike Beecham at Northowram Tennis Club car park. The Hough, Northowram, Halifax HX3 7AP

**TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> July**

**WAINHOUSE TRAIL**



An insight into Wainhouse Tower, the world's tallest folly and the area surrounding it. Who built it, why and when? Its height, the number of steps, how was it built without modern machinery. The trail takes a look at the industry and housing in the area. Access to the tower is not included.

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**SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> July**

**A STROLL TO JUDY'S GARDEN**



could be muddy

It's over 150 hundred years since the death of Judy North who gave her name to Judy Woods. We'll take a walk to the site of her picnic gardens and try to imagine what her customers would have seen on the way.

Meet Mary Twentyman at the War Memorial on Village Street, Norwood Green. HX3 8PZ.

**SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> July**

**DOBROYD CASTLE**



By kind permission of the owners, this afternoon walk goes to, around and inside the striking 'Brass Castle' built above Todmorden by John Fielden in 1869. It includes the house, walled garden and stable block with details of their history and the family. Timing and meeting point details are issued with the tickets. The Guide is Anne Mealia.

**PRE-BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL** and it will not be possible to just turn up on the day. This walk is £5 per head.

This walk is 1½ miles, part on woodland paths and strong shoes are advised. Ticket-holders should meet the Guide in Todmorden at 2pm (full details supplied with tickets) for a ½ mile walk up the wooded hillside to the Castle.

Access to the Castle by car is difficult but if you need to go by car, route information will be supplied when booking.

**SUNDAY 31<sup>st</sup> July**

**BRYNESCOLES VALLEY**



Walk the old medieval Greenway to see some of the older properties of the area. Find out where the first settlers to the USA came from.

Meet Mike Beecham at top of Hedge Top Lane. Northowram, Halifax. HX3 7BE

**SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> August      BARKISLAND**

1,000 years of history told through the families, fine buildings and institutions of this hill top settlement. A lot has happened since a Norseman called Borkr made his home here. Quiet roads. 2½hrs.

Meet Anne Kirker in the garden opposite Barkisland Post Office, Saddleworth Rd. HX4 0AL

**SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> August AUGUST 1842: PLUG DRAWERS, HALEY HILL, NORTH BRIDGE – and more**  

When People Power brought Halifax's mills to a standstill, the Riot Act was read, tales of victims of the military. Looking at many relevant sites. Warning – some very steep slopes up and down.

Meet David Glover at HX3 6EL - outside playground entrance, Woodside Road, off Haley Hill

**SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> August**

**HEPTONSTALL SHADOWS**

You can expect a mediaeval village to hold memories that you might not find in standard local histories. With John Billingsley you'll meet charmers, charms, gangsters, ghosts, mummified cats and more. Churchyard may be slippery.

Meet John Billingsley at Heptonstall Bowling Club car park, HX7 7LT

**MONDAY 29<sup>th</sup> August**

**PELLON: MISSING RAILWAY, BUFFALO BILL, THE LADY GLOBETROTTER AND WEBSTERS**

**a 3 hour walk**  

Trolley bus terminus, smallest Halifax shop, a collapsing railway embankment, American roughriders, Brackenbed Grange, a fine church, Branwell Bronte's friend, and Webster brewing family links.

A very steep slope is included.

Meet David Glover at HX1 4QD - opposite 326-334 [upper] Pellon Lane

**SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> September**

**A SHELF FULL OF OLD IRON**



We'll explore from the Bradford boundary to Shelf Moor Road for evidence of Shelf Iron Works.

Meet Mary Twentyman in Bethel Chapel's private carpark off A 6036. HX3 7RS.

**SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> September**

**OVERLOOKING THE VALLEYS**

Beginning with the west end of Old Town, and taking footpaths and moorland, we'll use the views to

consider the history and folklore of more distant parts. Containing uneven and possibly muddy terrain; walking shoes recommended. 2½hrs.

Meet John Billingsley at Wadsworth Community Centre, HX7 8RY. Please note there is no parking at the meeting point.

**SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> September      DEATH, DANGER AND DISEASE IN TODMORDEN**

We will explore some of the more alarming episodes of the town's past: epidemics, drownings, murder and much more.

Meet Anne Mealia outside Todmorden Railway Station OL14 9BL

**SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> October    THEY DESIGNED LIGHTCLIFFE** 

Looking at some of the fine local buildings. Many were the work of local architects who also designed public buildings and workers' housing.

Meet John Brooke by the Old Church Dental Practice (car park available) on the A58, 600 metres east of Hipperholme. HX3 8NT

**SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup> October      NORTH NORTHWRAM LADIES IN COURT**



Seventeenth century court cases of Elizabeth Baxter and the abduction of a young lady from Marsh Hall. With Landemere and the old Yewtree Inn too.

Meet Mike Beecham at the small car park at the bottom of Baxter Lane. Halifax. HX3 7EF

**SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> October      A WALK AROUND BANK TOP**



A stroll around the village of Bank Top in the ancient township of Southowram. This walk will take in some of the history of the village, including Law Hill School where Emily Bronte taught, the story of Jack Sharp, some of Anne Lister's tenancies, the Halifax Beacon, and a former Observatory.

Meet Steve Crabtree at the War Memorial on Pinnar Lane HX3 9QQ near Law Lane.