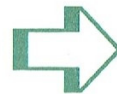


In a copse of trees a few yards on your left is the site of Hargreaves' cottage. Here he kept his newly invented Spinning Jennies but they were found and destroyed by an angry mob. This caused him to leave Oswaldtwistle for Nottingham.

The path leads up to the Coach and Horses on the main Blackburn - Haslingden Road. Turning right towards Blackburn go along the road for about 900 yards. It is a busy road, unfortunately, but there are some marvellous views to the North. At almost anytime one can see the three hills - Hambledon, the Coppice and Pendle and the Bleasdale and Longridge Fells. Under favourable conditions the Lake District mountains can be seen.

The walk is now more than half completed. Return to the fields, turning right on to a path which can be seen leading to a copse above Jackhouse Reservoir and Nature Reserve. Bearing left by four large trees the path leads to Cobbs Lane between the reservoirs. Turn right here and on to Jackhouse Farm. This building is believed to be the oldest in Oswaldtwistle and dates from about 1530. Follow the arrows past the farm and approach Town Bent. Until recently, a red brick building on a rise of land by the river used to mark the site of the last working mine in Oswaldtwistle - Town Bent Colliery, which closed in 1925.

Continuing ahead, you will soon reach the road and retrace your steps through the estate to the Library.



ENJOY YOUR WALK

Please remember the Country Code

This second walk differs in many ways from the first entitled, "Past Industry". Even so there are many examples of the industrial history of the area to be seen.

The walk takes about two hours to two hours thirty minutes and is rewarding in many respects. You need good footwear; take your binoculars and camera and enjoy the countryside.

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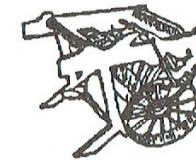
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1. "Aspden Valley Fairy Caves",  
(Ancient monument - rare 'bee-hive' shaped coke ovens),
2. Rhyddings Park & Urban Conservation Area.

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## Walks in OSWALDTWISTLE LANCASHIRE



### Number 2



*Jackhouse, Oswaldtwistle*

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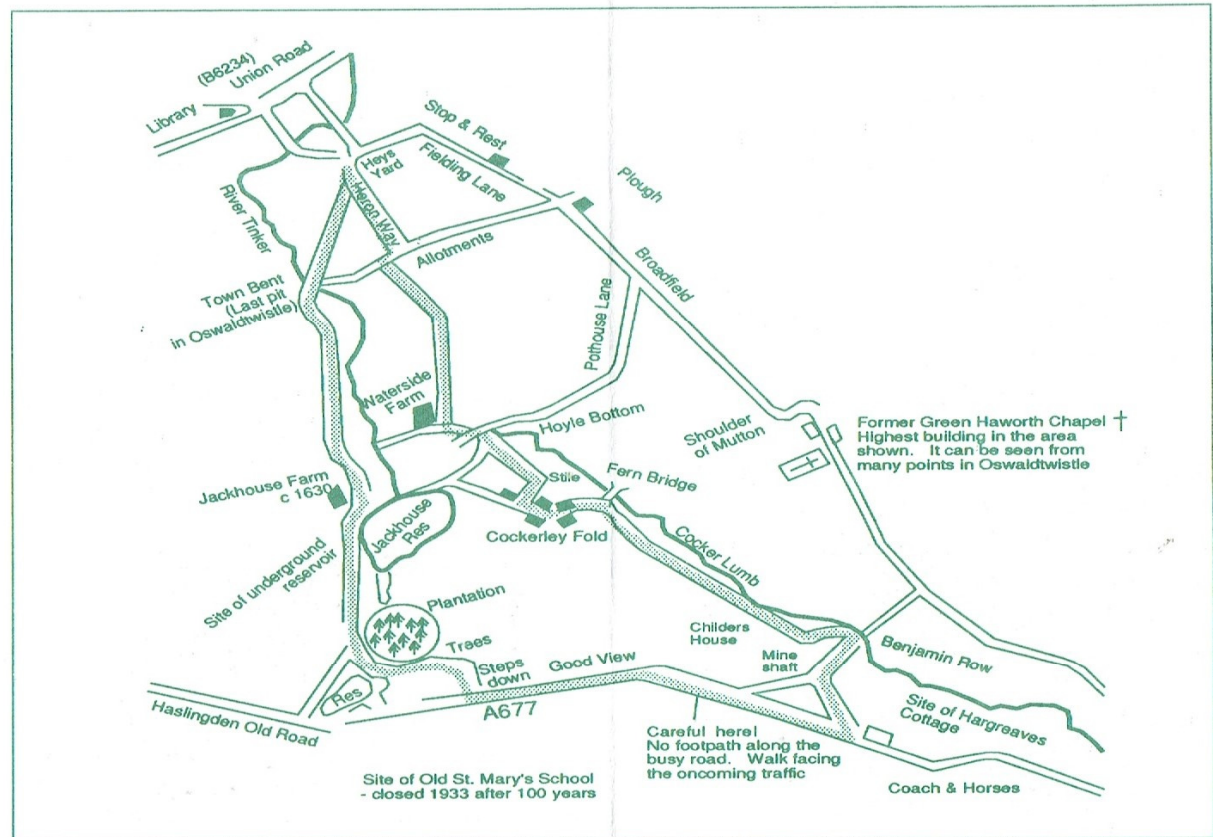
# THE JENNY JAUNT

The walk starts at the Oswaldtwistle Library. With your back to the Library, turn right into Melbourne Street (Newsagents on corner), keeping to the right-hand side of the street. At the bottom of the street, continue straight ahead along a path skirting the brook. Cross the bridge and continue passing the weir. This weir powered the water wheel for the small 'Jenny' mill which is now a garage repair firm.

On reaching the road (Merlin Drive), cross over and, bearing slightly right, proceed up through the housing estate. After passing the doctor's surgery on your left, turn immediately left and then immediately right into Heron Way. You now come to the first yellow arrow on the corner of Heys Yard. This was originally a works making soap for the textile industry until about 1900.

Going up Heron Way the metalled road soon finishes. Go straight ahead on the track, then almost immediately left, taking a field path to Hoyle Bottom. Follow the yellow arrows along the way.

You are now in the countryside proper and there is an abundance of flora and fauna according to season. It is said that there are foxes and even badgers in the area; perhaps if you have the patience to stay a while, quietly, you may be rewarded.



Hérons have been seen catching fish from the streams which rise and mingle at various points on the walk. The streams form the river Tinker which passes through the town to join the Calder and eventually the Ribble.

At Hoyle Bottom, when leaving the fields turn left on the track, then right on a metalled road and, walking up a slope, sharp left at Stoneybroke Bungalow. This takes you into the fields again, leading to

Cockerley Fold. Passing through the yard move down to the river which you should follow to Cocker Lumb.

Ignoring the footbridge, climb a slight slope and, keeping parallel to the river, come to Childers' House and then Benjamin Row, an attractive group of cottages worthy of a closer look. At Benjamin Row turn right, then, in a few yards-left, through a gate and past the top of a disused mine shaft on your right.