

Turn left so the church grounds are on the right hand side. At the junction with Church Lane cross the road and follow the footway left



Virgin Mary.

private house.)

Turn right and walk up the lane between the houses towards Hartshead Church (St. Peter's). Note the Dame School (No. 7) on the right hand side. There is an engraved stone on the wall of the building (now a

The **Lady Well** is located behind a hawthorn bush on the left hand branch of Lady Well Lane.

Retrace your steps and turn left along Myrtle Lane, between various houses along developments, until Walltons Heights is reached. Continue forward along the path leading to No. 41. On reaching Second Avenue (opposite No. 104) turn left along Second Avenue to its junction with Wimpy Bank Lane. Cross the road and walk up the public footpath opposite. (Note the base of **[3] Wallton Cross**, where the first path between a series of fence posts. Cross over another stile and bear left along the field edge until a series of paths meet at the end of a metalled road. Turn left through the stile and follow the path forward until a sliglht right hand path leading to a track is reached. Turn left and follow the track arriving at Lady Lane.

Continuing to the Pelican Crossing, in an alcove on the wall of the right is an information panel erected by Sheep Valley this is the site of the former **[2] Jackson's Cropping Shop**

Go through the short tunnel under the Spenn Valley Greenway (formerly the Lancashire Railways Spenn branch, opened in 1848). Turn right and in 25 metres turn left up the footpath running parallel to a bridge. At the T-junction turn left and follow the lane. Keep going forwards, ignoring the track off to the left, until Hightown Road is reached. Cross carefully and walk up St. Barnabas Road. Where the road bears right go forward and follow the footpath between two garages, emerging by 14 & 16 Church Street. Turn right then left and walk forward along Church Street passing St Barnabas Church on the left. Continue left and cross the road (A649 Halifax Road) and Victoria Drive on the right. (This is the site of the former Victoria Hall works.)

Walk down Cartwright Street and cross the bridge over the Speen. Turn right along the river edge and after 50 metres turn left over the raised bank and immediately go over a stile. Keep going forward with an old brick wall on the left and then a field until a short tunnel is reached.

In the area between Cartwright Street and the river there was the site of Cartwright's Mill. In 1812 it was powered by water, with a weir, a goit and a mill pond.

Let me now introduce you to the Luddite attack which took place here.



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At Upper House Farm go forward through the stile until a public footpath sign is reached. Go forward and wall of a compound. Exit through a gate and end going forwards keeping the wall on the right hand road (Cloudy Lane) look for a metal stile to the right and turn left. Walk up Cloudy Lane to the T junction (A649).

At low house hold turn left and re-join Halifax Road. Cross it at the pedestrian crossing and turn right. Cross Knowl Hill and enter Sparrow Park with its splendid **[6]** Luddite statue. The park was conceived and constructed by Spenn Valley Civic Society.

Turn round, re-cross Knowl Hill and follow the footway on the right hand side of Halifax Road. After 400 metres the **[7] Shears Inn** is reached. A plaque placed here by the Spenn Valley Civic Society explains the significance of the pub. The Luddite Ale here is worthy of attention.

Opposite the Shears Inn turn right down the Public Bridleway and follow Primrose Lane downhill. Follow the lane as it bears left, and pass under the Spenn Valley Greenway via a short tunnel. Continue down the lane, cross over the Spenn and arrive back at Cartwright Street.

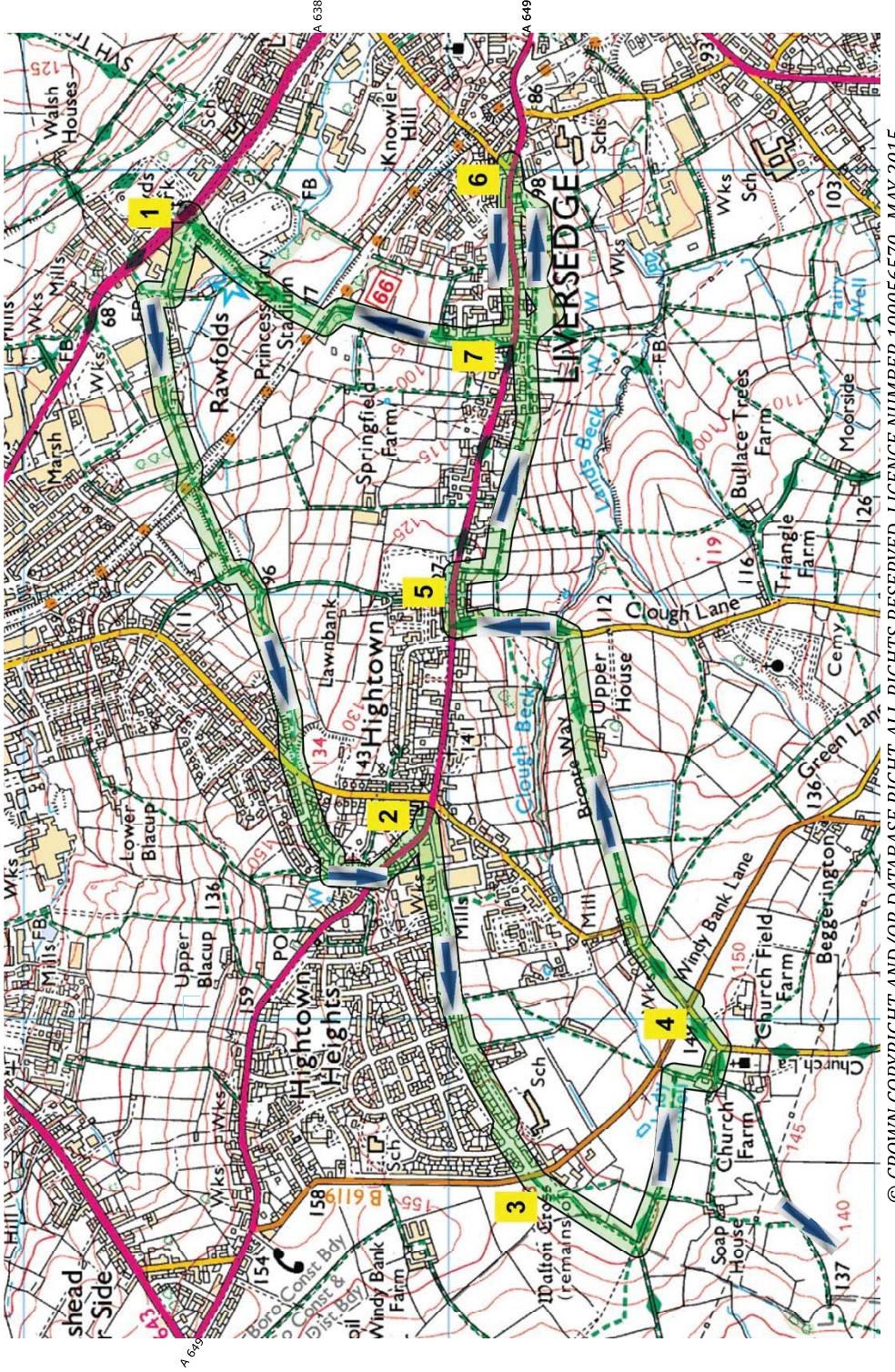
A bit for the purists. In 1812 there was no railway and no bridge over the Spenn at the bottom of Primrose Lane. Consequently the luddites would have had to approach Spenn towards the mill. The path is still there on the left hand side just before the bridge but takes a little bit of finding among the trees and undergrowth.

5 The house facing Clough Lane has an engraved stone above the door explaining its Bironite connections. Turn right and walk down Halifax Road for 100 metres and take the public footpath on the right. After crossing the stile at the end of the path turn left and walk forward. Follow the path over the back of houses, skirting the back of the Shears Inn (of which more later) round the back of the Yangez Chinese restaurant, past Fairfield Court until Low House Fold is reached. Sometimes this one kilometre path is a bit obscure but always keep moving forward, seeking out the path. Look for the yellow double wavy markers which indicate the path is on Public Rights of Way footpath.

At Upper House Farm go forward through the stile and cross the yard until a public footpath sign is reached. Go forward between the hedge and wall of a compound. Exit through a gate and enter a field. Keep going forwards keeping the wall on the right hand side. On nearing a road (Cloudagh Lane) look for a metal stile to the right. Go over the stile and turn left. Walk up Cloudagh Lane to the Junction with Halifax Road (A649).

townships the Spens Valley Civic Society explains the extent of Hartshead Moor at the time of the ludgate attack here in February 1812. Cross Park Lane bears left keep going forward and follow the straight lane the road carefully and follow the footway on the right hand side of Hare Park Lane. After passing the small Friends Burial Ground, where Hare Park Lane bears left keep going forward and follow the straight lane

1. Start 2 Site of Jackson's Cropping Shop. 3 Walton Cross. 4. Windy Bank Cross Roads. 5. Bronte House. 6. Luddite Park. 7. Shears Inn



The Luddite Trail Part 2



The Luddite Trail comprises two parts which together commemorate the route taken by the Luddite marchers from the Dumb Steeple to Cartwright's Mill at Rawfolds, Liversedge, on the night 11/12 April 1812. The trail description also notes other features of interest along the route. The trail can be followed by any reasonably fit person and provides an introduction to some of the history and geography of the Spen Valley.



The illustration above is an artist's impression of Cartwright's Mill at Rawfolds round about the time of the Luddite raid. Cartright Mill is the smaller building on the right. The larger building is of a later date.

The start of the 19th Century was a time of one of the worst trade depressions. The price of wheat was rising and food was scarce.



St. Peter's Church, Hartshead.



Friend's Burial Ground

Start:

Junction of Primrose Lane and Cartwright Street, opposite Royd's Park, off the A638. The trail can be started anywhere but follow it in an anticlockwise direction.

Distance & Time

5 miles (8km). Allow 2 hr 30minutes.

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SE 198 245, BD19 5LS.

Parking:

There is ample roadside parking.

Bus service

Bus Service 268 stops nearby.

Terrain:

Stout footwear is recommended as some paths can be muddy at times.

Refreshments:

The trail passes several Fish & Chip shops, the Garden Coffee Lounge on Clough Lane, Hightown and the Shears Inn, where the Luddites met.

Finding your way:

i) A copy of the Ordnance Survey map Explorer 288. (Optional.)

ii) An on-line .gpx file is available for those who have Ordnance Survey maps in electronic form.

iii) The trail is waymarked using discs.

Note on the design of the Waymarking discs.



TURN LEFT



STRAIGHT ON



TURN RIGHT

The image on the disc represents two crossed sledgehammers, called Enochs. These were carried by the Luddite hammermen to smash the hated cropping frames. The hammers were manufactured by Enoch & James Taylor of Marsden who also made the cropping frames.

'Enoch did make 'em, and Enoch shall break 'em'

Luddite Statue of a cropper with his shears.