

HOUSES in AUSTWICK

The booklet *Austwick – A historical walk round the village* by Dr Sylvia Harrop, published 2011, is the best source of historical information about the buildings in Austwick. It is published by North Craven Heritage Trust and can be purchased from the Trust or from the shop in Austwick. It contains a map and illustrations by James Innerdale. See also the article by Jill Sykes and Lesley Todd, *Austwick Town Walk*, North Craven Heritage Trust Journal, 1998, pp15-16 online.

The walk looks at, in order,

The Green

The Smithy, Low House and cottages

Old Joiner's shop

Chapel House

Old Reading Room

Austwick Hall

Town Head or Old Hall farm

Old School

Battle Hill

Austwick School

Norcliffe House

The Game Cock

Former Methodist Chapel and Schoolrooms

Ivy Cottages, Village Hall and the Post Office

Weaving Shed

Old road and Austwick Bridge

Beck House

Privy

Clapper bridges

Poorhouses

Harden House

Harden Cottage

Tithe Barn

Town End Cottage

Vicarage

Church

Market Cross

Pinfold

Back Fold

The Yorkshire Vernacular Buildings Study Group have reported on many of the listed buildings (Yorkshire Historical and Archaeological archives, MS 1275). Details are also in the British Listed Buildings site. Some notes on building measurements are also in the Austwick archives. Kevin Illingworth provides further architectural details in correspondence held in the archives.

The earliest stone houses are probably those on the Green, including Low House and Ivy Cottage (1635?) and parts of Harden House and Austwick Hall.

Some of the houses have remarkable decorated dated lintels over front doorways. (e.g. Battle Hill 1675; Town End 1712; Cuddy 1715; Harden Cottage 1719). They can be seen on the website www.NorthCravenHeritage.co.uk along with the hundreds of others in North Craven.

Harden Cottage and Town End Cottage have large buttresses on front walls because the North and South Craven geological faults run through the village.

Stone for rebuilding in the late 17th century came from Austwick Quarry on Oxenber ('the hill where sheep were kept') and slate from Helwith Bridge. There was also a quarry at the head of Crummackdale famous for whetstones.

Austwick Hall

Austwick Hall has a significant history as described partly in other sections of this website. The manor house was sold in 1551 and again in 1573 and this latter date is appropriate for much of what is seen today. The Hall was sold in 1573 to the Ingilby family who remained there until the early 19th century. William King bought the hall in the early 19th century and in 1829 it came to the Clapham family. The gardens also have an interesting history. A detailed description can be read online in the article by Eric Culley and Michael Pearson in the North Craven Heritage Trust Journal, 2014, pp28-33.



Brunton House

This isolated 18th century house lies some distance outside the village but its history has been documented and details lodged in the Austwick archives. See the article by David Harrop in North Craven Heritage Trust Journal 2005, pp10-13, online.

Harden House

The house was built for the Ingilbys of Lawkland Hall as a dower house. Ownership then passed to the Lovett (Lovatt) family. There is a priest hiding place in the kitchen. Rev. Arthur Ingilby was the first resident. See the article by W. R. Mitchell, The Dalesman, April 1987, pp50-52 (although rather little more detail given.)

The Smithy

The renovation is described in an article in the Yorkshire Post of 16 February 2008.

Estate Agent's leaflets

A number of properties sold in recent years have estate agent details kept in the Austwick archives.

Methodist Chapel

Bridge House and Barn

Hobbs Gate

Old Reading Room

Harden Cottage

Eldroth House, Eldroth

Clapham Cottage, Feizor

Suncroft

Folly Cottage

Ivy Dene