

## ARNCLIFFE

After Arncliffe came into the possession of the Percy family, the surrounding land formed part of the forests of Littondale. These forests came under the control of the Abbey of Fountains, and there were many disputes between the Abbey and the Percy family over hunting rights. The Cliffords gained possession of the land during the Middle Ages, but sold off much of their property to the local tenants during the 16th Century. Arncliffe was probably at its most important during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, when it was the largest of the village communities in the Dale. In the eighteenth century the flour mill by Cowside Beck, which dated from the Middle Ages, was rebuilt with four stories and used as a textile mill. It finally closed in 1875, being converted to a dwelling.

In 1985 there were 69 people living in Arncliffe, 51 adults and 18 children. Of the adults 25 were male and 26 females. Nine of the children attended Arncliffe School, and two older children attended secondary school in Grassington. Seven children were under school age. In the under-five group were one-year-old boy triplets. Of the 28 households three are engaged in tourism, and eight are farming families, a further three being involved in farming in some way, whilst there is one gamekeeper. Three people are employed in part-time jobs at the school. There are several households where at least one member is of retirement age. Two men commute considerable distances daily to work in Leeds and Manchester. Several people find seasonal work in tourism.

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