
Main Street – then and now



Hellifield Main Street in the Victorian and early Edwardian period

The drawing above shows Hellifield Main Street in Victorian / Edwardian times looking up towards what we would recognise as Wayne's Shop and

the Butchers. The photo below is recent and the view is easily recognisable against the earlier outlook.



The same view in 2022

In 1900 the Institute - out of site on the left - would have been in-situ, serving as both Church and School. St Aidan's was not yet built. All the buildings on the left, prior to reaching the Butcher's, were houses (collectively known as Big House and Little House). Prior to the L & Y Line being extended to Hellifield, these were the last houses in the Village.

In the photo 'The Little Beauty Room' was serving as a Tea Room in the earlier image. This small building has had many roles over the years. For many years it was occupied by Martins and then Barclays Bank.

Then as now the Butcher's and Village Stores were prominent and in Victorian and Edwardian times there was also a

Savings Bank operating. The buildings on the right side of the road comprised four dwellings and a shop. Known as 'The Fold', these dwellings jutted out into the road somewhat, and were pulled down to make the road safer some years later. Behind the buildings were the Post Office and the Temperance Hotel.

The photograph shows 'Charlotte's Interiors' – a view that would not have been visible in the earlier picture due to the houses. Apart from the changes of use over the years, and the demolition of the 'The Fold', this is a view that has remained relatively unchanged over the years.

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