
Hellifield - then and now

These two photographs show a view of Kendal Road looking in the direction of Settle.



The photograph above dates from 1916 and shows a parade of the West Riding cadet battalion enroute from the railway station to the Peel for an inspection by their Honorary Colonel Sir William Nicholson. On the left can be seen the buildings of Central Mews, built in 1900 by Joseph Coates as a base for his transport and haulage business, the terrace of east view can be seen beyond. A clear view of the station and South Junction signal box could be seen in the distance.

The second photograph, below, was taken in the 2000s. It shows Central Mews now converted into housing and the view of the station has been obscured by the new flats and buildings of Kendal Close. The site of Kendal close was once occupied by a shanty town of wooden huts housing the workers building the railway line that extended from Blackburn to Hellifield.

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