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Things feel to be ramping up in November, not least in preparation for winter and what it brings. I like to stack the logs, fill the larder, change over to winter tyres, make sure I have rock salt in the boot of the car, etc; you'll have your own list.

Local Keighley company, Keybury Fire and Security, have written a piece about how to keep your home safe and secure on the run up to Christmas (see page 14).

I like to focus on the benefits of getting cosy, shifting to entertaining indoors, or enjoying quiet cosy nights listening to the radio or a favourite podcast. I have friends who get crafty and create lovely handmade gifts at this time; their homes are hives of activity and wonderfully fragrant. I can usually count on a sneak peak or a tasty sample.

Visit Bradford has a host of SPARKLING events and happenings to enjoy both in November and December. See pages 4 & 5 and mark your calendar! Cheers :)



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# Sparkling BRADFORD



As the nights draw in and Christmas approaches, it's the perfect time to bring some sparkle to your days and fill your calendar with events and experiences ready for all the family to enjoy. Book your tickets now for the best seats in the house!

The annual hit panto at Bradford's **Alhambra Theatre** returns this year with **Pinocchio** (7 Dec–19 Jan).



New this year is a festive production of **A Christmas Carol on the Keighley and Worth Valley Railway**. Join Scrooge on an immersive interactive journey in this unique railway theatrical experience in November and December. When it's time to start Christmas

shopping, independent retailers are a great place to start. Look out for late night shopping events, the **Brontë Parsonage Museum** shop along with shops on **Haworth Main Street** will be holding a **late night event on 5 and 19 December**, while in **Ilkley** you can shop around the town until 7.30pm on **Thursday, 5 December**.

Follow the eye-catching **Nutcracker Trail** around **Bradford city centre (2 Dec–5 Jan)**. Search for the hidden letters to solve the festive anagram and enter to win a city centre gift card, bringing some extra festive fun to your shopping. Once you have everything ticked off your list, treat yourself to a delicious afternoon tea in the elegant surroundings of the **Midland Hotel**. Craft Markets and Makers Fairs are also a wonderful way to find creative and thoughtful gifts. **The Ilkley Manor House Makers' Fair** is coming up **23–24 November**, while **Keighley Creative** is hosting an **Open Studio and Makers Fayre on 30 November**.

**Haworth Christmas Craft Market** is at the Old School Rooms every weekend up to Christmas **from 16 November**. **Christmas in Haworth** returns with events every weekend from **1 December**, when festivities begin with the **Rotary Santa Park Run**. The popular **Torchlight Parade** will be **7–8 December**, while on **14–15 December** you can enjoy **festive music, brass bands, choirs, and more**. The season ends with the

beautiful **Nativity Weekend 21–22 December**.



If you're planning a visit to **Father Christmas**, then you can find him out and about most weekends. Get your tickets for the **Elf Explorer** on the **Keighley and Worth Valley Railway** for a memorable experience for all the family; alternatively, visit **East Riddlesden Hall**, where you can write your letter to Santa and then sit down for a Christmas story with **Mrs. Claus**. **Santa** will also be in his grotto at the **Cliffe Castle Christmas events on 7–8 December**, when you'll also find craft workshops to get involved with, and **14–15 December**, when there'll be a **market** and **traditional Victorian music**. Over



at **Bradford Industrial Museum** Santa will be in residence at the annual **Victorian Christmas Market 23–24 November**, along with stalls inside and outside the museum and delicious seasonal refreshments.

**Saltaire village** will once again be illuminated by the colourful windows of the **Living Advent Calendar**, which returns to the UNESCO World Heritage Site on **1 December**. As dusk falls each evening, more windows will be revealed to create a kaleidoscope of colour around the village.

Take advantage of cold, crisp days to take a break from the Christmas buildup and enjoy the great outdoors. You'll find easy family walks along the canal towpath at **Saltaire** or follow the **Great Northern Trail** for panoramic views above **Cullingworth**.

Go exploring the trails at **St. Ives Estate, Bingley**, or find new views from the **Cow and Calf Rocks at Ilkley**. From January, **Bradford** will be celebrating its year in the spotlight as **UK City of Culture 2025**. The launch event **Rise (10–11 January)** will be a truly magical spectacle to launch the year, just the start of what promises to be a year full of sparkle for Bradford.

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After 42 years protecting homes, we've put our experience to good use; compiling home security tips to give you peace of mind this Christmas.

### 1. Christmas Lights

The rising cost of energy has made people think twice about leaving a light on but without one your house can look empty & an easy target for burglars. Police and neighbourhood watch schemes suggest you leave a light on, or use timers, so it looks like somebody's at home. Outdoor Christmas lights look festive but avoid threading them through an open window as this gives burglars an easy way in. Make sure you can secure your doors and windows.

### 2. Secret Santa

Avoid leaving gifts anywhere where they can be tempting for opportunists thieves. Some people leave them in the car or shed - but they could be easily seen and taken. Instead choose somewhere secure and out of sight. Posting on social media about gifts you've bought could make your home a target for burglary. Similarly, if you check in at a carol concert or meal out, you could be advertising that your house is empty. It's advisable to save your photos to post when you're back home. This also applies to Christmas holidays!

### 3. Fake Santa

Be on your guard for Christmas scams. Avoid

clicking links you're sent and don't hand over personal information or bank details. Be wary of online shops you've never heard of and "too good to be true" offers. Remind vulnerable neighbours or family members to be wary of fraud.

### 4. Christmas Wrapping

It's not just gifts but packaging outside your house could advertise your new goods to thieves. Leaving a stack of branded or labelled boxes outside by the recycling bin tells burglars exactly what they can find in your home and could make your house particularly appealing to criminals. Use CCTV to deter criminals and provide evidence of parcel deliveries. You could order parcels to collection points to avoid a missing parcel scenario.

### 5. Tis the season...

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The Portuguese and Spanish use a local cabbage variety called grellos or couve Gallego, which I've never seen for sale in this country, cavolo nero or savoy cabbage both work well as substitutes. The secret to this dish really is to spend time shredding the cabbage as finely as you possibly can, think matchstick length and thickness.

### Ingredients (serves 4 – 6)

- 4 tablespoons of olive oil
- 2 fat cloves of garlic, peeled and very finely chopped
- 1 large Spanish onion
- 6 baking potatoes, peeled and diced
- 2 – 2.5 litres water
- 500g savoy cabbage or cavolo nero, tough stalks removed and shredded very thinly
- 180g chorizo sausage, diced (optional)

2 tsp sea salt flakes  
lots of freshly ground black pepper  
an extra glug of olive oil, (extra virgin if you have it)

### Method

Choose your largest saucepan, sauté pan or flameproof pot, add a big glug of olive oil, about 4 tablespoons but no need to measure exactly, place on the heat for a couple of minutes then chuck in your garlic and onion. Fry over a medium heat for 5 minutes or so, stirring frequently until soft and starting to turn golden.

Now tip in your potatoes and stir to mix before pouring in the water, turn up the heat and bring to the boil. Once boiling, reduce to a gentle simmer and cook for 20 minutes or so until the potatoes are really soft.

If you are using the chorizo, dice and fry in a little olive oil until starting to crisp up whilst the potatoes are boiling. Once the chorizo is cooked, set to one side.

Once the potatoes are soft, remove the pan from the heat and blend until smooth using a hand blender or a potato masher.

Once you've got a smooth, thick soup like consistency you're happy with, return to the heat and add your shredded cabbage, salt, lots of black pepper and the chorizo if using. Stir to mix, bring back up to a simmer and cook for another 10 minutes.

At this stage I usually find myself adding a bit more salt and pepper but that's down to your own taste.

Serve in large soup bowls and drizzle a little more olive oil on top.

I like to serve this with thick slices of toasted country bread rubbed with a crushed garlic clove and brushed with olive oil.

~ Martin Lingard

## Sudoku

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It's been quite a year for the Railway, what with the replacement of Bridge 27 at Haworth, the ongoing works at Keighley station, and the recent Beer & Music Festival. Seeing the precision with which Bridge 27 was installed was testimony to the years that readied us for the moment when the new span was craned into place and we were running trains over schedule on Saturday morning.

Looking ahead, we have our most anticipated events of the year, starting with the arrival of Santa and his helpers at the end of November. The festive spirit will continue through the weekends and some weekdays in December. Some dates are already fully booked, so we encourage you to check our website for available slots, whether it's for the Elf Explorer or other planned festive trains.

Looking forward to the next year, we are thrilled to be part of the Bradford City of Culture 2025. As part of this, we will be hosting The Railway Children theatre production, a moment we are eagerly anticipating as it will bring The Railway Children home.

In addition to the schedule of events and running days throughout the year, we have a challenging maintenance programme, which is vital to keeping the 150+ year-old railway operating. Several locomotives and carriages are being overhauled in preparation for rejoining the operational fleet over the next few years. This is a significant undertaking with the high cost and time commitment necessary to complete the overhauls.

We are not standing still in other areas, with the Old Parcels Office café reopened at Keighley, complemented by the recently completed Visitor Centre in the water tower at Keighley station. We will shortly be starting phase 2 of the work at Oakworth, which will see more of the goods yard area open to visitors, including the chance to marvel at the goods shed, which has been largely untouched since the Midland Railway operated the line at the start of the 20th Century.

Those who joined us at the Beer & Music Festival will have seen the dozens and dozens of volunteers at each of our stations helping to run the event, but you won't have seen the many people working behind the scenes, whether preparing and servicing the loco's and carriages; dealing with the rostering; sorting out the beer orders and performers' schedules; or dealing with the health & safety and regulatory requirements of such an operation. We have over 800 volunteers working together to keep the wheels turning, and we are always looking for more to join the team. Please consider whether you can spare the time and your skills to support the Railway. Full details on how to apply to join the volunteering team are available on the website, as well as booking information for the Christmas events.

I do look forward to welcoming you on board soon.

~ **Matt Stroh**

Keighley & Worth Valley Railway Chairman

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Matt was born and raised in Pudsey, where he met his wife Angela Varley at school. They have 2 sons; Ray and Austin, he hopes one day they will follow him into the dental profession and share in his passion for dentistry.

Within his 23 years of experience, Matt has changed the lives and smiles of many, some of which are during one day implant immediate loading cases, and same day smiles, which he specialises in. The regular accolades received from clients and patients alike are testament to his passion for his work. Matt has a keen eye for detail and endeavours to provide the best care possible. Matthew completed his dental technology qualification at Leeds Dental Institute, he finished first in his class achieving distinctions throughout and was awarded overall best student and the acclaimed technical achievement award.

Matthew Varley started his journey as a Registered Dental Technician (RDT), however after 23 years experience working as a RDT in highly acclaimed laboratories, Matt made the decision in 2018 to set up his own business alongside fellow business partner Joseph O'Reilly.

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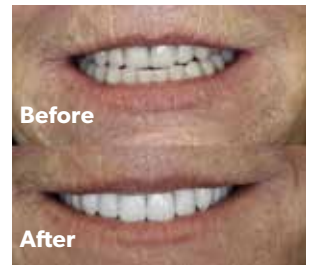
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This year at the Museum, our focus has been on childhood. What was the world like for the young Brontë siblings growing up? How did they spend their time? And can we see the influence of their early years in any of their later writing?

So it was very fitting when, a few weeks ago, we had a request for a library visit to see one of Charlotte Brontë's little books, written in childhood.

In fact, this book isn't just an early example of Charlotte's passion for writing – it's the earliest.

Between the pages of this tiny volume (4.3cm x 6.4cm!) is the very first example we have of a story from the author who would become one of the best-known in the world.

Aged about 10 years old, Charlotte put pencil to paper, crafting her novel out of scrap paper and binding it herself using thread. The outer pages have been made from floral wallpaper – apparently leftovers from a decorating project at the Parsonage. But this little book wasn't simply for amusement. It was a gift for Anne, the youngest of the Brontë children, who was poorly at the time. Not one to shirk her sisterly duties, Charlotte set about cheering up Anne with her miniature hand-made book, inviting her little sister into a child-sized world of her creation – complete with carefully painted illustrations.

What's so endearing about this item in our



collection, is that it's something many of us can relate to. Whether it's penning clumsy 'books' from folded paper, inventing plays to be performed for patient parents, or disappearing into a make-believe world at

school breaktime – children are masters of imagination.

It's a simple reminder that the famous Brontës were children too once, playing together and inventing faraway lands just like any other child. It's also a heart-warming reflection of the close

bonds between the siblings. Growing up without a mother – and having lost two older sisters – Charlotte, Branwell, Emily and Anne leant on each other perhaps more than most for love, care and companionship.

Our 2024 special exhibition is called **The Brontës' Web of Childhood**,

and explores what life was like for the siblings growing up. You can see it in the Bonnell Room in the Museum until the end of the year.

Find out more at **bronte.org.uk**

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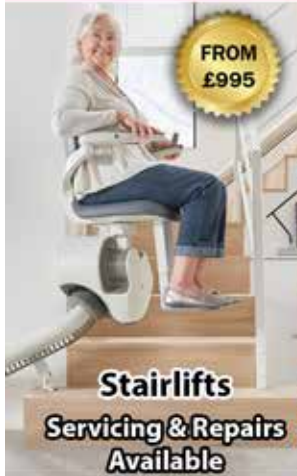
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# COMMUNITY PAGES

**Every Monday 1pm - 4pm Knit & Knitter Craft Group at Steeton Hub.**

**Mondays 1 - 3pm Keighley Tea Dance** at the Civic Hall

**Glusburn and Crosshills WI** meet at **7.30 pm on the first Tuesday of the month at Glusburn Community & Arts Centre.** A friendly group for local women.

**Sutton in Craven WI** meet 1.30pm **every second Monday of the month** Sutton in Craven Cricket Pavilion all local ladies welcome. See us on Facebook.

**Wellbeing Café** at Glusburn Institute **Every Monday 10 am to 12 noon.** Contact 01535 630223 for more details.

**Every Tuesdays Community Post Office Counter 12.30pm - 2.30pm at Steeton Hub**

**First Tuesday of a month Silsden Bereavement Group 10.30 am**

**- 12.30pm at Silsden Methodist Church** Safe and welcoming space to share your journey free to attend.

**Last Tuesday of a month is**

**Afternoon Coffee, chat & cake at Steeton Methodist Church 2.30pm - 4pm** with The Salvation Army food bank collection point. Also Steeton Pharmacy will be there holding a wellness check including blood pressure and diabetes checks.

**First Tuesday of a month Crosshills Goldies Sing & Smile** – St Peters Methodist Church 2 - 3pm singalong to the popular hits of the 50s onwards, chat and laugh. £3 donation to attend, no need to book.

**Games Club Every Tuesday 1:30 - 3:30 pm.** at Glusburn Institute. £2.50 per session.

**Every Tuesday Rethinking Pain at The Hive**, Elliott Street, Silsden **3pm - 4pm** A Group for people living in pain.

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**Third Tuesday of a month at Steeton Methodist Church 2-3pm**

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**Steeton Bobbins WI** 7pm meet on the **first Tuesday of a month** at St Stephen's Church Hall

**Every Weds Glusburn Lunch club at 11.45am Glusburn Institute** for a two course, home cooked meal, for £6.00 and company. If you are a pensioner and interested, please contact Pauline on Pauline on 07436 113748.

**Buzz Youth Club, The Hive Silsden 8-12 year old FREE Entry 10.30am - 12.30pm** alternative Saturdays & every Wednesday **3.30pm - 6pm.**

**Every Weds 1 - 2.30pm Ladies Dance Exercise**, Civic Centre, Keighley.

Meet new friends/Socialise & Keep Fit **First Wednesday of a month 2 - 2.45pm It's Story Time at Silsden Community Library** for under fives.

**Every Thursday at the Hub in Steeton 10am. - 1pm Patchwork.** A friendly group of like-minded ladies who like to create patchwork throws, bags, cushions and hold-alls. Often donated to Women's Aid and the Baby unit at Airedale Hospital. Plus tea/coffee and socialising. There is car-parking at the Hub

**Silsden Methodist Church Thursday Club** 2.30pm - 4pm weekly Music, Games, Quizes, friendly chatter & refreshments.

**Every Thurs at 12.00 - 2.30pm Craven Craft and Mosaic Social Group at Sutton Sutton Cricket Club**

(wheelchair access is good and there is plenty of parking space). The cost is £2 and covers two cuppas and biscuits and we usually put the world to right and have lots of laughs as we draw, sew, knit, crochet.

**Every Thursday 2-3pm Social Singalong at Glusburn Community & Arts Centre.** All welcome to this friendly and inclusive singing for fun and wellbeing group. Drop-in for a cuppa from 1.30pm.

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**Fridays 10am - 12.30pm Warm Space Group at Steeton Hub.**

**Every Friday 10am-12pm Digital Drop-in at Glusburn Community & Arts Centre.** Help and advice about getting online, using your device, navigating websites and staying safe. £4 including refreshments.

**Coffee morning every Saturday morning from 9.30am at the Village Centre, Crosshills.** Everyone welcome for a drink & a chat.

**First Tuesday of each month Walk & Wheel Group 1.30pm meeting at**

**Keighley Leisure Centre** outside the main entrance. The session will last approx 60 mins and will be at a relaxing pace.

**Sun 3rd Nov: Sutton-in-Craven circular.** Moderate **5 miles.** Meet for a **10.30am** start, on street parking at Sutton Park Bowling Green.

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**Sun 3rd Nov 10.00am St Stephen's Church, Steeton** - as part of the morning service there will be a time to remember and pray for those we know who have died and a chance to light a candle.

**Fri 8th Nov Glusburn & Cross Hills Gardening Society at Glusburn Institute 7.30pm** Hedgehog Friendly Gardening

**Sat 9th & Sun 10th Nov 10am - 4pm Haworth & Yorkshire**

**Creative & Makers Market** The Old School Rooms, Haworth

**Sun 10th Nov 10.00am**

**Remembrance Service at St Stephen's Church, Steeton.** Joint service with Steeton Methodist Chapel.

Followed by an **Act of Remembrance at the cenotaph 10.50am for 11.00am**

**Sun 10th Nov 9.35 am Keighley Remembrance Day Parade and Service** Town Hall Square.

**Sun 10th Nov 10.45am Skipton Remembrance War Memorial** Skipton High Street for the **Laying of the Wreath and last post at 11 am.**

**Mon 11th Nov 11 am Glusburn & Crosshills Remembrance Service at the Crosshills War Memorial**





**Thurs 14th Nov 11.00am-1.00pm Lunch Club at Steeton Methodist Chapel.** Bingo, homemade soup & cake. Donation. All welcome.

**The Energy Helpdesk** will be at **Silsden Methodist Church** on **Nov 16th and Dec 21st, 9.30am – 11.30am**, and at the **Hive Community Centre** in **Silsden** on **Nov 15th and Dec 6th, 1.00pm – 2.30pm**. Or you can contact [info@climateactionsilsden.org.uk](mailto:info@climateactionsilsden.org.uk)

**Sat & Sun 16th, 17th, 23rd, 24th, 30th Nov & 1st Dec 10am - 4pm Christmas Craft Markets** at The Old School Rooms, Haworth  
**Sun 17th Nov 10am - 4pm Christmas Fair** at **Glusburn Institute**

**Sun 17th Nov 2.30pm-4.00pm Christingle Trail** at **St Stephen's Church, Steeton**. Make a Christingle, a short Christingle Service + advent crafts, cakes & drinks. Fun for all the family  
**Sun 17th Nov 7-9pm Silsden Methodist Church**

**How to Restore the River Aire.** A Talk organised by Climate Action Silsden with speaker Sam Riley-Gunn. Suggested donation: £2 to cover refreshments.

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**Sun 24th Nov 10am-6pm Silsden Christmas switch on and Fair** Silsden Town Hall

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### 3 1/2 mile (6km) circular walk

A hilly walk, through a mix of woodland and farmland starting at the centre of East Morton. Comfortable strong walking shoes/boots are recommended, with outdoor clothing to suit the season. A packed lunch is advisable. This walk is not suitable for pushchairs or wheelchairs and people with restricted mobility.

**Walk start point:** Morton bus terminus.

Car parking is limited to on-street parking, please park with care.

With your back to the bus terminus turn right up Main Road turning immediately right into the village green. Follow the stone paved path through the gardens and up the steps at the rear out onto the junction of the two minor roads. Turn right up the second road on the right and continue up as the road changes to a narrow track. At the top of the incline continue following the track through the courtyard area of 'High Fold' and down a slight incline before bearing right to rejoin Main Road.

Turn left and first left up Green End Road, following it for 1/4 mile as it meanders between the houses eventually passing Morton Hall on the left. Round the corner beyond Morton Hall continue following the road up the slight incline, passing Lower Botany Farm on the left and Lakeside on the right. After approximately 100yds at the gateway of a private drive to 'Moorfield', turn left off the road onto the public footpath and go over a stile into a field, follow the wall on the left across the field to a second stile. Once through the second stile continue to follow the wall on your left uphill to join a farm track at the wall corner.

Turn right up the track eventually going through a kissing gate next to a field gate. After a short distance the track divides, here take the track off to the left uphill at the side of the concrete reservoir overflow turning right at the top to cross the metal footbridge onto the top of Sunnydale reservoir embankment. Cross the reservoir embankment and continue forward at the other end, to go up the steps of quite a steep banking. At the top of the steps the footpath divides, our route turns left to walk through the trees above Sunnydale reservoir and in front of a large pond.

At the far end of the pond follow the well-defined path over the remains of a dry stonewall to turn right along

the top edge of the woodland. After a short distance the path starts to drop downhill, here great care should be taken as the steep, narrow path leads down to a footbridge. Cross the bridge and continue to follow the path eventually crossing a second footbridge before turning right again, keeping to the top edge of the woodland at a second broken down drystone wall. Continue to follow the well defined path over a third wall and walk straight on, eventually emerging out of the woodland at a field gate. Go through the gate onto the farm track turning left downhill, after only a short distance go through a second field gate and follow the farm track to the farm building ahead.

On reaching the building turn left through the stile at the side of the field gate on the left. Keeping the wall on your right, cross the field to go through a second stile, next to the gate at the far end of the field, into a double walled track. Follow this double walled track for quite some distance as it drops back down onto Green End Road, via Upwood Lane, to retrace your steps back through East Morton to your starting point.

### Sunnydale

Today, Sunnydale is a place of solitude and a haven for wildlife. However, this cannot be said of the past 200 years or so. At the end of the 1700's the industrial revolution arrived in Morton. Mills and factories were built along Morton Beck where the ready supply of water was used to power the water wheels and steam engines.

Along the upper reaches of Morton Beck three mills were built. Sunnydale Mill was located at the head of the Dale, just below the reservoir. Here paper was produced for banknotes and stationery. Further downstream just below Morton Dam, Upper Mill was built as a cotton spinning mill. Near the bottom of the Dale was Botany Mill, the largest woollen mill in the area.

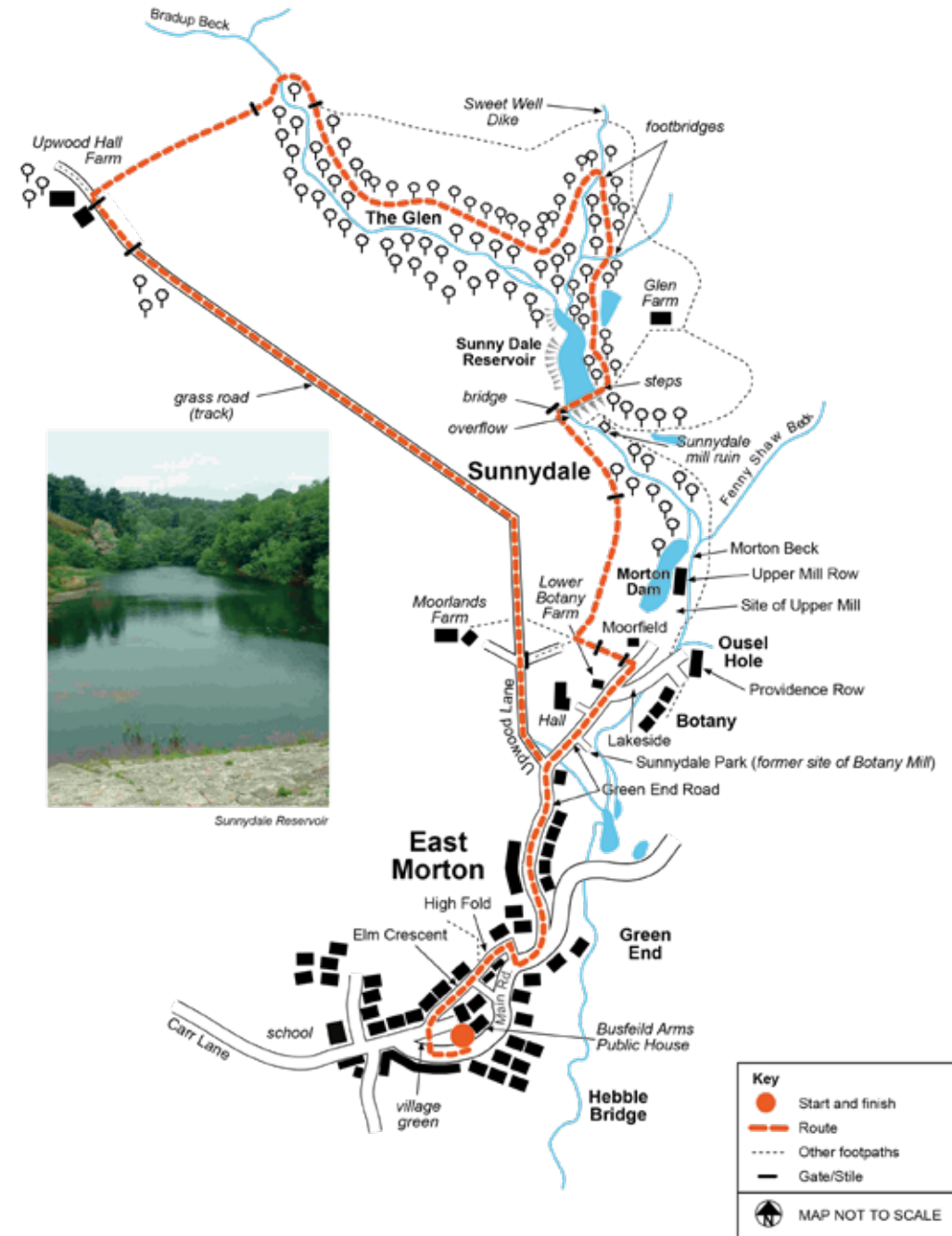
Workers for the mills came from all over Britain. Mill cottages were built to house them and these can still be seen today at Providence Row and Upper Mill Row. Unfortunately, the same cannot be said for the mills.

These have all but gone, though the remains of the engine house at Sunnydale Mill can still be seen hidden amongst the vegetation.

*We hope you enjoyed your walk. If so tell your friends, if not, or you have encountered any problems please tell us at: City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council Countryside and Rights of Way Service*  
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