



## Blackrod Local List of Buildings and Structures

This is a Supporting Document of the Local List of Non-Designated Heritage Assets of Blackrod Parish for Policy BH2 in Blackrod Neighbourhood Development Plan 2018.

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## Introduction

The purpose of this document is to identify and list those buildings that have value and significance to the heritage of Blackrod. This is not an exhaustive list and only includes those buildings identified in consultation with residents or that have been suggested informally by the community during the compilation of the Neighbourhood Plan.

This Local List may be added to at a later date, as required or when the Neighbourhood Plan is being revised and updated.

## Scope of this Document

This document sets out the selection criteria that the non-designated heritage asset was assessed against. It also includes a sample nomination form and a detailed asset sheet for each selected building indicating the name of the building - the building address, description, history and any points of interest. A photograph and location map is also included.

All building assets as listed are recommended to be protected.

## Definition of a Non-Designated Heritage Asset

“Non-designated heritage assets are buildings, monuments, sites, places, areas, or landscapes identified by local planning authorities as having a degree of significance meriting consideration in planning decisions but which are not formally designated”

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## Selection Criteria

It is expected that to be considered worthy of inclusion on the Local List buildings should possess more than one of the following attributes:

### 1. Architectural Interest

A building may be considered to be of architectural interest if its style, form, type or construction is notable. It may be unusual or conversely, be a good example of a typical building in the locality.

### 2. Function

The building may be of specialist function e.g. small workshop. The building may form part of original layout and facilities of the area of which it is part.

### 3. Historical Interest

The building is identified as significant as part of the development of the village or its locality.

### 4. Landmark Quality

This includes those buildings whose location/scale/features contribute to the identity and distinctiveness of the built environment or a rural area.

### 5. Streetscape or Landscape Quality

Buildings which are important components of a particular street by lending their structure or particular character. Buildings which enhance a landscape.



Weavers Cottages

## SAMPLE NOMINATION FORM



### Nomination of a Locally Important Heritage Building

#### Section A: Nominator details.

Name (including organisation / group where appropriate).	
Address (incl. postcode)	
Preferred tel.no.	
Alternative tel.no.	
e mail address	

#### Section B: Building / structure to be considered.

Name	
Address (incl. postcode)	
Location map (preferably OS based)	
Clear current photograph of the building / structure.	



## Section C: Points of special interest / reasons for nomination.

It is expected that to be considered worthy of inclusion on the Local List, buildings should possess more than one of the following attributes:

<p><b>History of the building / structure</b> (incl. date of construction / age of building if known).</p> <p>Is the building identified as significant as part of the development of Blackrod or a locality? The building may be of specialist function e.g. small workshop.</p>	
<p><b>Architectural significance</b></p> <p>A building may be considered to be of architectural interest if its style, form, type, or construction is notable. It may be unusual or conversely, be a good example of a typical building in the locality.</p>	
<p><b>Townscape / landscape significance</b></p> <p>The building may form part of an original layout and facilities of area of which it is part. This includes those buildings whose location / scale / features contribute to the identity and distinctiveness of the built environment or a rural area. Buildings which are important components of a particular street by lending its structure or particular character. Buildings which enhance a landscape.</p>	

Your Confidentiality is assured:

Any personal information you supply will remain strictly confidential and will be held and used in line with the Data Protection Act 1998. Blackrod Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and Blackrod Town Council will use the data you provide solely for the purpose of identifying and detailing those buildings nominated as having importance to the Heritage of Blackrod. Whilst these buildings will be listed and detailed in the Heritage section of the Neighbourhood Plan this will not include any personal information. We will not pass on your details to any third parties.

Please return this completed Nomination Form to:

Blackrod Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group  
Blackrod Town Council Offices  
Library Building  
Church Street  
Blackrod  
BL6 5EQ



Old Victoria Pub

## Local List of Buildings

	<b>Building Reference Name</b>	<b>Building Address</b>
1	Barkers de Lane Farm	1 – Barkers de Lane, Blackrod. BL6 5SP
2	Berry Square	10 Berry Square, Blackrod. BL6 5DU
3	Bobbin Hall	205 New Street, Blackrod. BL6 5AT
4	Bobbin Hall Cottage	203 New Street, Blackrod. BL6 5AT
5	Bobbin Hall Cottage	201 New Street, Blackrod. BL6 5AT
6	Bobbin Hall Cottage	199 New Street, Blackrod. BL6 5AT
7	Bobbin Hall Cottage	197 New Street, Blackrod. BL6 5AT
8	Bobbin Hall Cottage	195 New Street, Blackrod. BL6 5AT
9	Bobbin Hall Cottage	193 New Street, Blackrod. BL6 5AT
10	Bobbin Hall Cottage	191 New Street, Blackrod. BL6 5AT
11	Cemetery Chapel	Blackrod Cemetery, Manchester Road, Blackrod. BL6 5LS
12	Design Lights	1 Chorley Road, Blackrod. BL6 5JR
13	Flounders	108 Church Street, Blackrod. BL6 5EG
14	Heroes Bar	308 Manchester Road, Blackrod. BL6 5BB
15	Highfield House	Station Road, Blackrod. BL6 5BN
16	Huyton Grange	Off Chorley Road, Blackrod. BL6 5LH
17	Methodist Church	New Street, Blackrod. BL6 5AN
18	Old Boatmans Pub	Boatmans Arms, Aberdeen, Blackrod. BL6 5LL
19	Old Grammar School	76 Church Street, Blackrod. BL6 5EQ
20	Old Police Station	227 New Street, Blackrod. BL6 5AT
21	Old Vicarage	260 Manchester Road, Blackrod. BL6 5AY
22	Old Victoria Pub	141 New Street, Blackrod. BL6 5AW
23	Owls Nursery (Scot Lane School)	580 Manchester Road, Blackrod. BL6 5SN
24	Park Hall Farm	A6 Blackrod ByPass, Blackrod. BL6 5RT
25	Pool Green Cottage	235 Manchester Road, Blackrod. BL6 5AY
26	Pool Green Cottage	237 Manchester Road, Blackrod. BL6 5AY
27	Pool Green Cottage	245 Manchester Road, Blackrod. BL6 5AY
28	Red Lion Pub	101 Church Street, Blackrod. BL6 5EF
29	Stone Cottages	135, 137, 139 New Street, Blackrod. BL6 5AG
30	Stone Cottages	25 – 29 Whitehall Lane, Blackrod. BL6 5DQ
31	The Folds	28 – 29 off Whitehall Lane, Blackrod. BL6 5EP
32	The Poacher Pub	1 Scot Lane, Blackrod. BL6 5SG
33	W.Fitten Licensee	22 Chorley Road, Blackrod. BL6 5JS
34	Milestones / Waymarkers	1 - On B5408 Manchester Road Opposite No. 492 1 – On B5408 Next to Red Lion Pub 1 – On A6 near Crows Nest Farm
35	Cobbled Paths	Path Numbers 024, 026, 027 and 083

<b>BUILDING ADDRESS</b>	Barkers de Lane Farm 1 Barkers-de-Lane Blackrod, Bolton BL6 5SP
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	Farm house and farm outbuildings. The outbuildings are constructed of handmade bricks. The front part of the farmhouse has been rebuilt. There is a well under the floor of the kitchen. The house was originally split into separate quarters for the owners and the servants, which included a groom and a cook.
<b>HISTORY</b>	The farm dates from at least 1700 and probably before. It was the foremost farm of the district at the time, possibly being part of the Ainscough and Pendlebury estate, and may have had connection to the Haigh estate. Deeds and other records are available for this farm.
<b>POINTS OF INTEREST</b>	Previous occupants have included John Unsworth, manager at Scot Lane Colliery (W. Woods & Son). He was a founder member of Blackrod Local Board and subsequently of Blackrod Urban District Council in 1872. He was Chairman of the UDC from 1901-1906, and chair of the committee which established Fall Birch Hospital for Blackrod, Horwich and Westhoughton. His son Dr James Unsworth was the first of a long line of doctors practising medicine in Blackrod, the original surgery being in part of the farmhouse. It is said that one Richard Breers, who owned this and other lands, was convicted of high treason as a result of civil unrest.



<b>BUILDING ADDRESS</b>	10 & 12 Berry Square Whitehall Lane Blackrod Bolton. BL6 5DU
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	Thought to have been a small “square” of at least four dwellings sited on what was originally called Coal Street leading to Factory Brow, now Whitehall Lane. The buildings have hipped roof first floor dormer windows and Number 10 has retained its original stone structure with the original stone lintels still clearly visible. Number 12 has had extensive rebuild and refurbishment replacing much of its original features.
<b>HISTORY</b>	The date stone on number 10 indicates a build date of 1786 which also implies the time for the construction of the “square”.
<b>POINTS OF INTEREST</b>	These buildings and the square were originally known as Bury Square. This is shown on early maps going back to the 1840’s but the reason for the change in name is not known.





<b>BUILDING ADDRESS</b>	Bobbin Hall 205 New Street Blackrod Bolton, BL6 5AT
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<p>Possibly originally a stone tiled roof which was replaced with a red rosemary tiled roof in 1905 (renewed 2000 with similar tiles). Two hipped roof first floor dormer windows with swan neck scroll hip tile, front and back. Chimney stacks in red brick. Attractive front fanlight doorway with false keystone. Plain glass fanlight replaced with “Bobbin Hall” stained glass fanlight in 2012. Some internal features still exist from the 1905 refurbishment.</p> <p>The building provides richness and quality to the street scene and with the Bobbin Hall Cottages reflects an area of special character.</p>
<b>HISTORY</b>	<p>Believed to have been built around 1813-15. Prior to 1905 the house was three residences – 205 New Street, 1 Back New Street and the cellar was occupied separately, with access via the rear yard. A fire around 1904/5 resulted in remodelling and combining the three residences into one. Rebuilding of nearby St. Katharines church involved the original pulpit being incorporated into the staircase of Bobbin Hall.</p>
<b>POINTS OF INTEREST</b>	<p>The Hall is an important end-stop to the attractive row of seven adjacent terraced cottages - No's 191, 193, 195, 197, 199, 201 &amp; 203. Attractive stone wall to New Street fronts the Hall with large stone ball adornments. This wall was probably added as the last part of the 1905 refurbishment.</p> <p>Notable house date tablet on the roof:-Bobbin Hall. Restored 1905. The name given to the “new” 1905 house (Bobbin Hall) was unlikely to have been a reflection of any use of the house at that time but may have been a reference to a former use of the cottages where the cellars were used to make bobbins for the muslin factory at Rivington.</p>



<b>BUILDING ADDRESS</b>	<p>Bobbin Hall Cottages  New Street  Blackrod  Bolton  BL6 5AT</p>
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<p>An attractive row of eight terraced stone cottages. Group value with house numbers 191,193,195,197,199,201,203 and Bobbin Hall (205). Slate roof, red ridge tiles, red swan neck hip roof tiles, red brick stacks and crenellated stone garden walls are on many of the cottages. Mixture of sash and casement windows. They provide richness and quality to the street scene and like Pool Green they reflect an area of special character.</p>
<b>HISTORY</b>	<p>Believed to have been built around 1813-15 as some Deeds indicate leases from 1824. There has been some remodelling of some of the cottages which was probably part of the 1905 remodelling work of the whole row including Bobbin Hall.  Bobbin Hall, number 205, is covered on its own detailed form.</p>
<b>POINTS OF INTEREST</b>	<p>These cottages are amongst the best representatives of their era in the locality. Some of the cottages were built with interconnecting doors which it is thought allowed the master spinner to walk through and collect the output of his home based workers.  Attractive stone wall to New Street fronts the cottages originally with 14 stone gate pillars, possibly more than the six that retain their large stone ball adornment. This wall was probably added as the last part of the 1905 refurbishment of the cottages.</p>

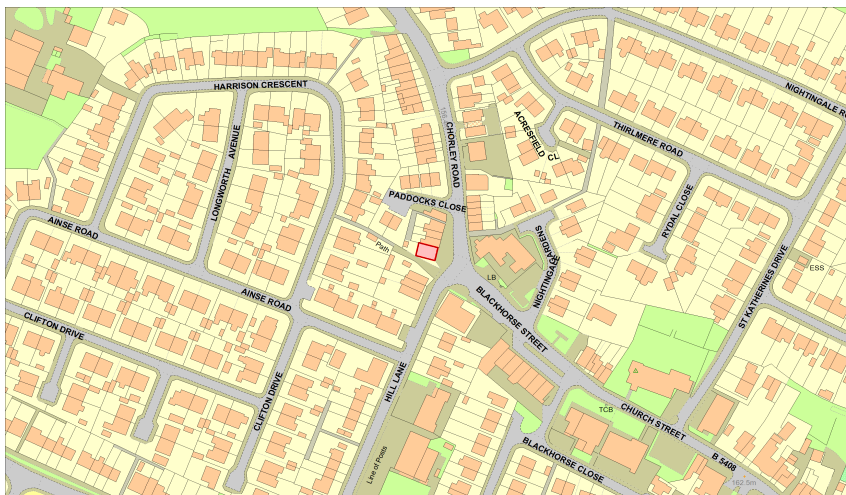




<b>BUILDING ADDRESS</b>	Cemetery Chapel Blackrod Cemetery Manchester Road, Blackrod Bolton BL6 5LS
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	The cemetery chapel is constructed of bricks with a slate roof. The main entrance is via an arched brick doorway which is topped by a distinctive spire. It sits in a commanding position on the brow of the hill, giving one of the best panoramic vistas in Blackrod, overlooking the River Douglas valley and on to the West Pennine Moors, Winter Hill and Rivington Pike. It is approached from Manchester Road through a line of majestic mature trees.
<b>HISTORY</b>	The cemetery was commissioned by Blackrod Local Board in 1884 in response to a report by Doctor Smith, the Medical Officer of Health, which declared that the existing burial grounds at St Katharine's parish church were a health hazard and forbidding further interments there. The total cost of the new cemetery was £2,200 and the chapel was built in 1886. The Church of England and Roman Catholic sections were consecrated on 19 <sup>th</sup> November and 11 <sup>th</sup> December 1886 respectively, and the Non- Conformists section was dedicated the following year. The cemetery chapel was intended for services prior to interment. The land was originally part of Woodsbarn Farm and the two front lawns were deep ponds which had to be drained and filled in.
<b>POINTS OF INTEREST</b>	It has been identified as a building of significant architectural and historic interest and value. This, together with the Old Vicarage in Blackrod, is the work of talented British Architect Richard Knill Freeman (1840-1904). He designed the chapel building and the laying out of the 3.5 acres of grounds. The main wooden doors were made by a local joiner, Horace Holding.



<b>BUILDING ADDRESS</b>	Design Lights (Stained Glass) Ltd 1 Chorley Road Blackrod Bolton BL6 5JR
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	Workshop and premises of manufacturers of stained glass products. The Building has the original stone frontage set against surrounding elevations of red smooth faced bricks. The roof is a slated pitched roof with front hip behind the stone frontage.
<b>HISTORY</b>	The building was originally 3 storeys high with a hall on the top floor used for dances and wedding receptions etc. It was originally the Central premises of the Blackrod Friendly Industrial Cooperative Society. The 1893 edition of the Cooperative directory listed the building as No. 3 with another branch at 176 New Street. The Blackrod Society transferred its engagements in 1910 to become part of the Horwich Industrial Cooperative Society.
<b>POINTS OF INTEREST</b>	The building still retains many of its original features including a wooden barrel vault ceiling in the front shop area, old tiled walls in the original butchers' area and stone flagged floors in the basement. The original frontage still displays an emblem of an elephant carved in a stone feature.

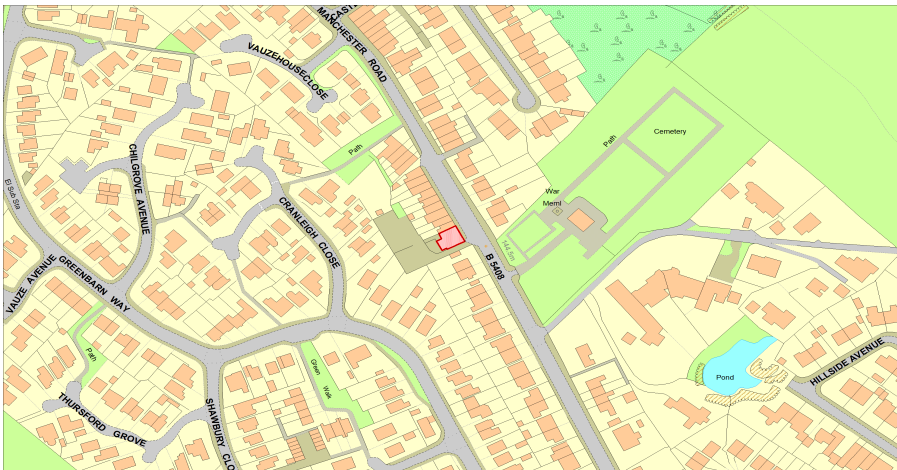


<b>BUILDING ADDRESS</b>	Flounders Chip Shop 108 Church Street Blackrod Bolton BL6 5EG
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	Original gable end in natural stone with a slate roof. Rendered front elevation with extension to the rear for the business.
<b>HISTORY</b>	The building once housed the main blacksmith of the village, build date not known. Opposite the smithy once stood the Leigh Arms which in 1753 was an important coaching house on the main London–Carlisle–Glasgow mail route with this section being part of the 1753 Salford–Westhoughton–Blackrod–Duxbury Bolton Turnpike. There was stabling accommodation for 28 horses and up to 12 stage coaches. The nearby Red Lion also had stabling and accommodation for stage coaches so the Blacksmith would have been kept very busy.
<b>POINTS OF INTEREST</b>	





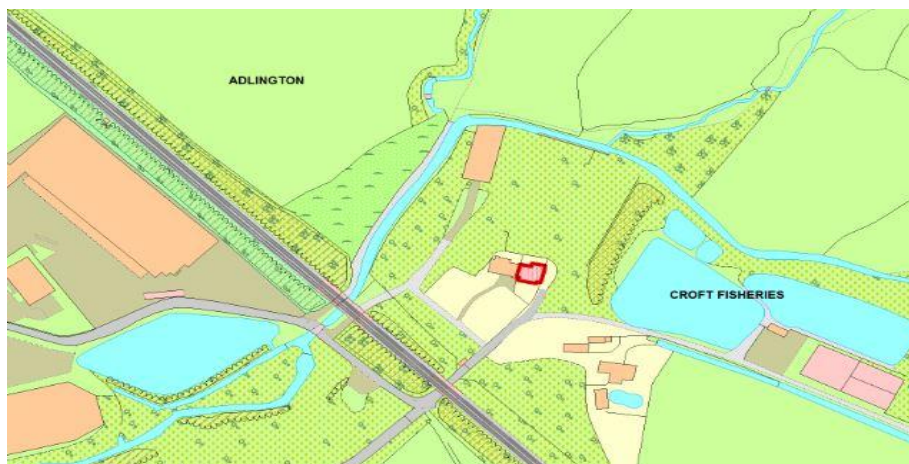
<b>BUILDING ADDRESS</b>	<p>Heroes Bar  308 Manchester Road  Blackrod  Bolton  BL6 5BB</p>
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<p>End of terrace two storey double fronted building joined to terrace housing. It is not known when it was built but it is likely that this building was built contemporaneously with the adjoining terraced housing.</p> <p>Rendered, with a slate roof. Car parking to the rear. It has a distinctive decorative gable end which previously it had large lettering saying Blackrod Royal British Legion, but this has now been painted over by the new owners.</p>
<b>HISTORY</b>	<p>The 1902 Trades Directory list it as the Commercial Inn and the licensee was Robert Hope.</p> <p>It was registered as the Blackrod Royal British Legion on 8<sup>th</sup> September 1948. It closed in 2012.</p> <p>Opened as Heroes Bar in 2013.</p> <p>When it was the British Legion, the upstairs room was used as a Roman Catholic place of worship prior to St Andrew's Hall being built in 1961.</p>
<b>POINTS OF INTEREST</b>	<p>The Dootson Vause coal pits, also known as the Heathers, had a mineral railway line which ran along the route which is now Green Barn Way. It then ran under the main road via a tunnel situated where Heroes Bar (former British Legion) stands, then through what is now Blackrod Cemetery and on to Blackrod Station.</p> <p>The Dootson Vause pits closed in 1872/3.</p>



<b>BUILDING ADDRESS</b>	Highfield House Station Road Blackrod, Bolton BL6 5BN
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	Also known as Highfield Farm and originally included farm outbuildings. Constructed from dressed stone with a hip style roof of original slate. Many original features inside the building including stone floors. New features have been added over the years such as window frames and a central glazed porch.
<b>HISTORY</b>	The now detached main house in its own grounds was built around 1790 as the main residence of George Leigh a cotton manufacturer. The original part of the building is of late Georgian style and has a two storey side and rear extension that appears to be a Victorian addition to the original house.
<b>POINTS OF INTEREST</b>	George Leigh, a son of a tanner from Wigan, was related to Roger Leigh of Haigh Hall and was also a claimant to the Stoneleigh Estate in Warwickshire (1817-1829) and the title of Baron. He unfortunately run out of money and could not pursue the claim, he died in 1834.

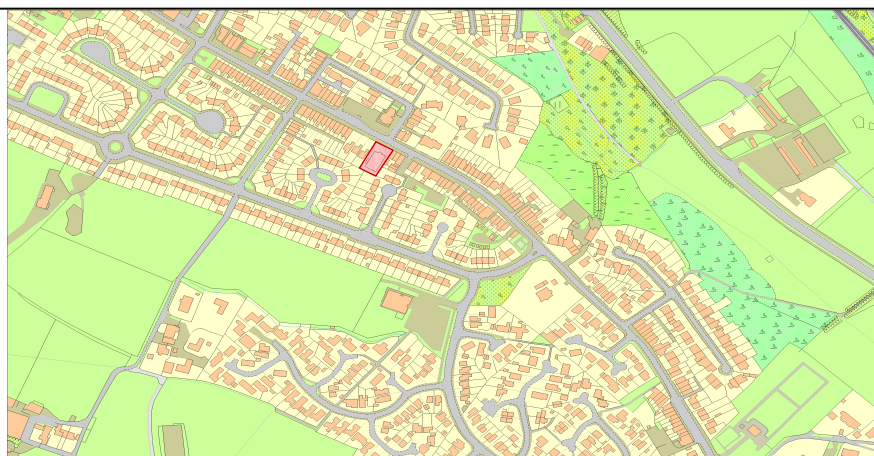


<b>BUILDING ADDRESS</b>	Huyton Grange Off Chorley road, Blackrod Bolton BL6 5LH
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	The building is circa 1850's with a low pitched roof. Original designs of sash windows and a wide front door access. The external masonry has cream coloured render with some stone features left exposed.
<b>HISTORY</b>	Huyton Grange was once a part of Huyton House, home to the managers of the once sprawling Huyton Bleachworks. Huyton House was located in the centre of the Bleachworks complex and can be clearly seen on the aerial photographs taken in 1925. The site had an earlier print works building in 1816 which was developed further around 1848 to create the larger Huyton Bleachworks. This became an important employer of the day especially to the people of Blackrod.
<b>POINTS OF INTEREST</b>	Huyton Grange is the easterly wing of what was once Huyton House. Parts of the original ballroom can still be seen in the premises. The main entrance door opens into an area where a dark mahogany staircase with balustrade and handrails guides you to a landing area which is overlooked by a Victorian design stain glass window sky light – all these are original features. The driveway to the Grange is of heavy block cobbled stone which was the hard wearing road surface of the day.



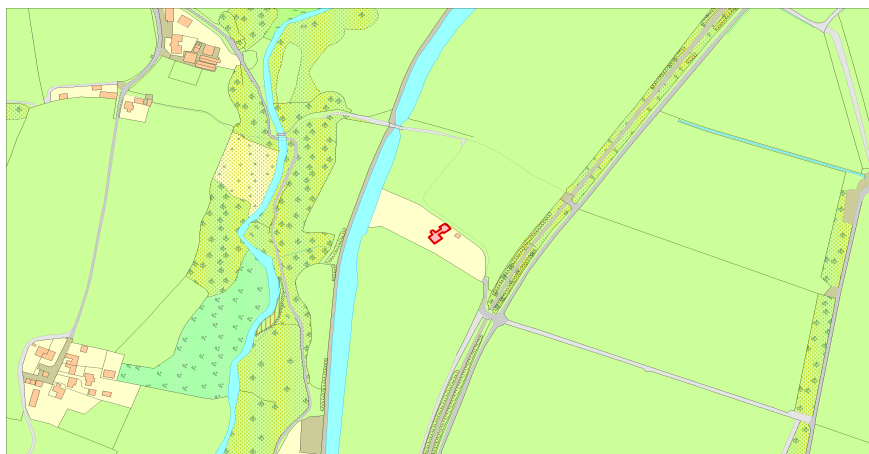


<b>BUILDING ADDRESS</b>	Blackrod Methodist Church 167 New Street Blackrod Bolton BL6 5AN
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	Red brick and stone with a slate pitched roof. Arched front doorway with matching stone surround, all windows on the front & side elevation in original stained glass and set in arched stone surrounds. Located in its own grounds the building provides a distinct feature in the town scape.
<b>HISTORY</b>	There has been a number of Methodist Chapels in Blackrod since the first registration in 1796, on another site, and this building is now all that remains for the worshippers of Blackrod and its surrounds. In 1899 fourteen foundation stones were laid each bearing an inscription followed by eight stones in the front of the chapel and six stones in the side walls, all bearing inscriptions. The opening ceremony was held on Saturday, June 23 <sup>rd</sup> 1900.
<b>POINTS OF INTEREST</b>	The Inscriptions on the fourteen foundation stones were of friends connected with Blackrod and the Methodist network. In addition to these stones on the west side of the church are six rows of bricks bearing the initials of 73 people whose surnames ran from A to Y. The building is a distinct feature of the built environment and a significant landmark building of Blackrod.





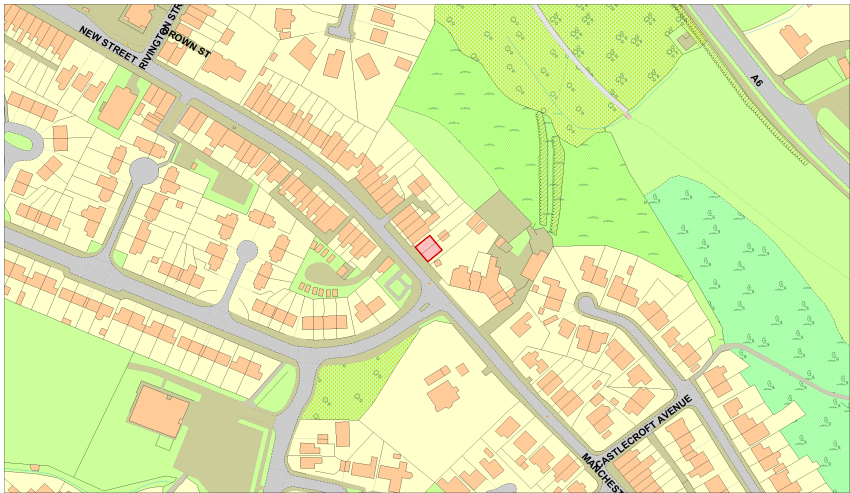
<b>BUILDING ADDRESS</b>	The Boatmans Arms 14 Aberdeen Blackrod Bolton BL6 5LL
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	Original building of brick and slate roof with red ridge tiles although refurbished in the late 1960's it maintains many of its original external features. Later external modifications included new window frames and solar panels to the old roof. Some original internal features still exist from the days when it was a working pub.
<b>HISTORY</b>	The Boatman's Arms was placed between the Leeds – Liverpool canal and the mineral railway line in an area (hamlet) called Aberdeen which also had a farm, cottages and a bridge over the canal. The pub's location near the canal was clearly intended to provide refreshments to the many thirsty barge workers travelling up and down the newly developed canal system. As the canal construction in this area was completed around 1810 to 1820 and the pub was open for business in 1870 it is assumed the building was constructed at some point between these times.
<b>POINTS OF INTEREST</b>	The cottages surrounding the pub were owned by the National Coal Board (NCB) and when they were demolished the pub saw fewer customers. The pub was delicensed on 7 <sup>th</sup> January 1955 and had closed by 1960.



<b>BUILDING ADDRESS</b>	Playdays Nursery (Formerly Blackrod Free Grammar School) 76 Church Street Blackrod Bolton BL6 5ES
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	Stone built detached single storey building with slate roof. A two storey extension was added in 1977. Whilst one original window remains there have been changes to windows and entrances. An oval plaque is incorporated into the front elevation of the original building says "Blackrod Free Grammar School built in the year 1799".
<b>HISTORY</b>	Blackrod Free Grammar School was originally founded in 1568 by the trustees of John Holme and largely funded from bequests. The original building was located between the church and church house. This was replaced in 1799 with the current building. In 1875 Blackrod Free Grammar School was incorporated with the Rivington Free Grammar School and buildings were subsequently erected at the foot of Rivington Pike around 1881. The Blackrod School building was then leased to the Local Board. It was extended to accommodate the council offices. New Council offices were built within the library complex and the old building is now a children's nursery.
<b>POINTS OF INTEREST</b>	The Blackrod Educational Trust has owned the building since 29 <sup>th</sup> June 1883. The building is currently leased to Playdays Nursery.

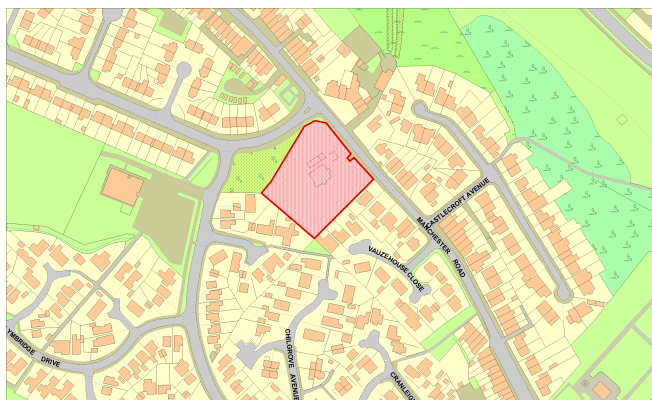


<b>BUILDING ADDRESS</b>	The Old Police Station 227 - 229, New Street, Blackrod, Bolton BL6 5AT
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	One of a pair (No's 227 & 229) of substantial red brick semi-detached houses. Hipped slate roof, double flue chimney stack with frontage having single window at the ground floor and two windows at the first floor. The building acts as an important end stop to the row of other red brick terrace houses on the north side.
<b>HISTORY</b>	This was a custom-built Police Station built in 1870 after the demolition of the former Lockup in 1860. The building is sited on what was formerly named Pool Green Road. It is believed that the actual Police Station was where number 227 currently is and that number 229 was the home of the Constable.
<b>POINTS OF INTEREST</b>	The Constabulary Crest is set in a circular brick design capped with a semi-circular masonry surround on the front of the building.

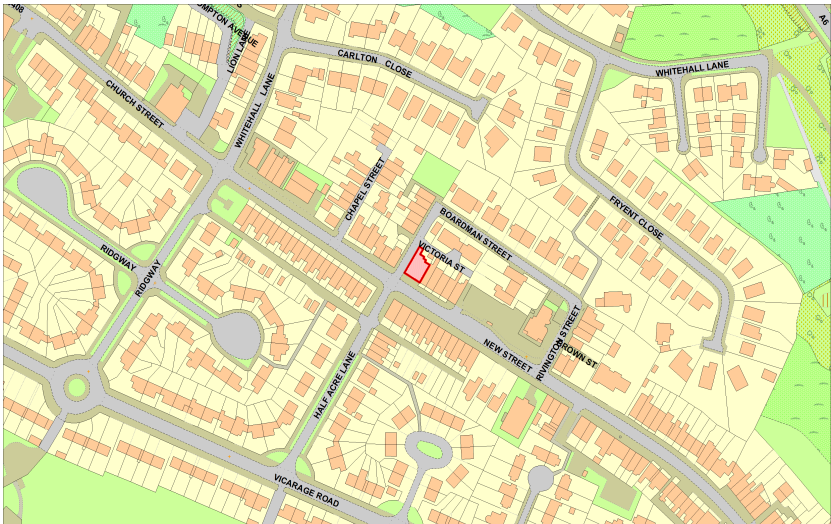




<b>BUILDING ADDRESS</b>	The Old Vicarage 260 Manchester Road Blackrod Bolton. BL6 5AZ
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<p>Very large two and three storeys Edwardian detached residence. The main section of the house on the south-west side is two storeys, with a two storey bay window. The north-eastern half comprises three storeys. There are three different roof plane alignments.</p> <p>Large stained glass window to stairwell above the front entrance. Red brick with slate roof.</p> <p>There seems to have been very little alteration of the building.</p> <p>The building is situated across the road from the Pool Green cottages and together they add to the distinct character of the street scene and the special character of this area.</p>
<b>HISTORY</b>	The Blackrod Map of 1845 indicates there was a Parsonage on, or near the site. The building was designed by the talented British Architect Richard Knill Freeman and built on the current site in 1870.
<b>POINTS OF INTEREST</b>	<p>At the time of its construction and for many years after, this would have been a very prominent building in the street scene. This is still the case though nowadays largely obscured by the mature woodland around it. Red brick boundary wall of about two metres height around the curtilage, with two gate posts to Manchester Road entrance. Both with ecclesiastical caps.</p> <p>Richard Knill Freeman also went on to design the Chapel in Blackrod Cemetery in 1886.</p>



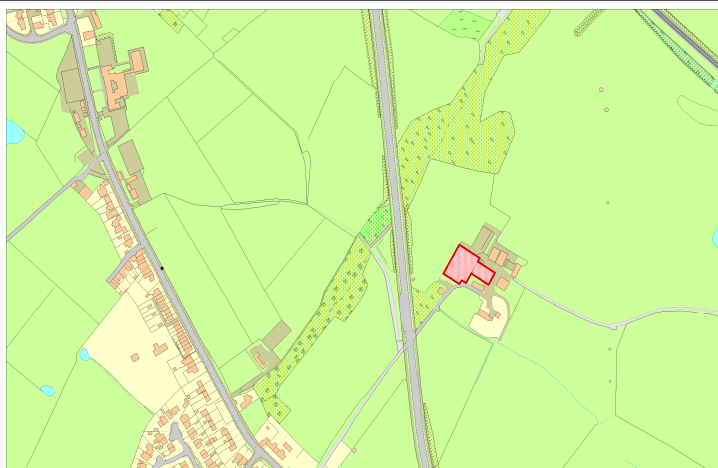
<b>BUILDING ADDRESS</b>	Old Victoria Pub 141New Street Blackrod Bolton BL6 5AW
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<p>A substantial building of three storeys was once one of the many Inns of Blackrod. Slate roof with original stone window lintels and sills. The main front entrance has a surround of ornate stone carved flutes which curve at the top around the fanlight.</p> <p>The corners of the building have quoined stone blocks which provide a feature of the corners.</p> <p>There has been much internal refurbishment and the building is now home to 6 apartments.</p> <p>The Front elevation has been cleaned presenting an impressive stone structure.</p>
<b>HISTORY</b>	Built date is unknown but thought to be 1700 – 1800.
<b>POINTS OF INTEREST</b>	



<b>BUILDING ADDRESS</b>	The Owls Nursery, (former Scot Lane C of E Primary School), 580 Manchester Road, Blackrod, Bolton. BL6 5SN
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	Originally a red brick single storey building, with slate roof. Fairly typical school building of the time, with buttresses and arched windows and doorways to the front elevation reflecting the C of E nature of the educational building. Now rendered (possibly in 1970s). There have been several extensions and alterations over the years e.g. roof lights.
<b>HISTORY</b>	The land was originally part of Cheethams Farm and was sold at a preferential rate in 1866 with a covenant that it should only be used for educational purposes. The school opened on the 4 <sup>th</sup> December 1868. The school was particularly important to the development and identity of the Scot Lane End area of the village, along with Scot Lane Colliery. It provided educational facilities for a part of the village which is some 1.5 miles distant from the 'centre' of Blackrod. The School closed in 2008 and opened as a Nursery in 2012.
<b>POINTS OF INTEREST</b>	Despite the amount of housing development in recent years, particularly since the early 1980s, the former school is still a substantial building of character in the Manchester Road street scene.

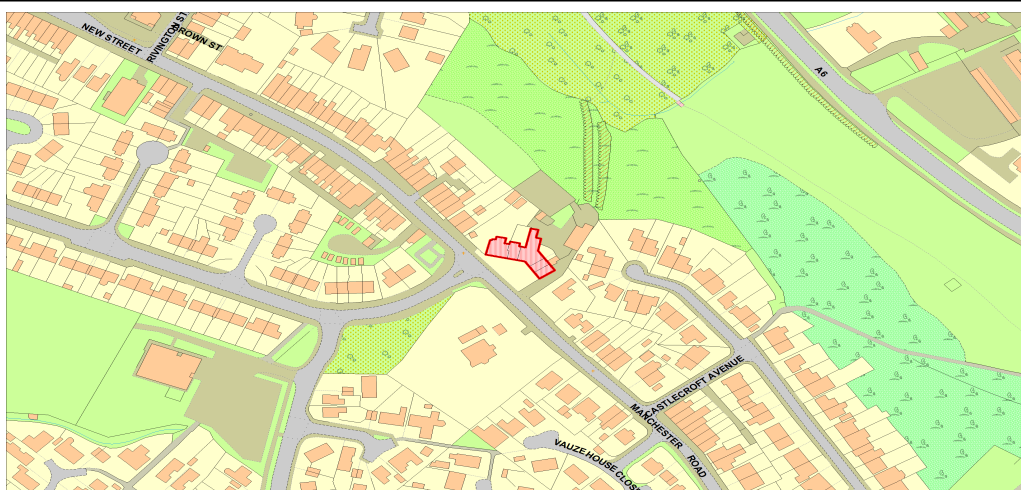


<b>BUILDING ADDRESS</b>	Park Hall Farm Blackrod By-Pass, Blackrod, Bolton. BL6 5RT
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<p>M.D. Smith, 'About Blackrod' (1994 p.20) states the house was originally moated.</p> <p>A two storey farm house much altered over the years. A mixture of stone and red brick sections indicate substantial rebuilding of parts of the elevations, quite possibly as a result of partial collapses of original stone walls. Also a red brick extension added to the gabled eastern end of the house. Slate roof. Most windows have had wood casement frames inserted. Overall, the impression is of a house of somewhat disjointed and patchy appearance, though undoubtedly standing on a rich historic site.</p>
<b>HISTORY</b>	<p>Thomas Hampson, History of Blackrod (1882) (p.46) mentions Park Hall as the seat of the Norres family, along with Lostock Hall and Anderton Hall owned by the Anderton family. Clemency Norris lived at Park Hall and leased land to John Vause in 1551.</p> <p>Park Hall is clearly shown on the 1786 Yates map of the area. Thomas Liptrot of Park Hall appears under the 1832 Electoral Register.</p> <p>Thomas Liptrot is listed in Thomas Hampson's history (1882 p.54) as contributing in 1837, £2 0s 0d to the raising of St.Katherine's steeple and placing of the turret clock.</p> <p>Roger Holt Leigh owned much Blackrod land in 1912 and this family sold to the current owners.</p>
<b>POINTS OF INTEREST</b>	One of the original and oldest buildings in Blackrod. As is often the case, there are several outbuildings of varying age and condition.

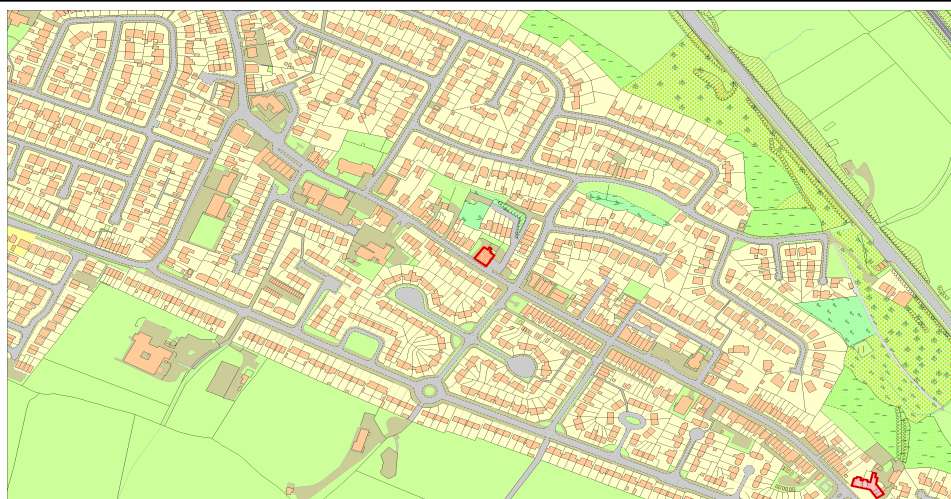




<b>BUILDING ADDRESS</b>	Pool Green Cottages Manchester Road Blackrod Bolton BL6 5AY
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	A terraced row of original stone built cottages with pitched slate roofs. Group value with house numbers 235, 237 and 245. The cottages are setback at an angle from the main road and fronted by a small green area. They provide richness and quality to the street scene and is an area of special character.
<b>HISTORY</b>	Pool Green Cottages take their name from Pool Green farm which once stood at the junction of New Street and Vicarage Road. New Street was formerly Pool Green Road. One of these 18 <sup>th</sup> Century stone cottages was originally a barn to the farm and was converted into a cottage.
<b>POINTS OF INTEREST</b>	These cottages are amongst the best representatives of their era in the locality. The group of cottages are iconic landmarks recognised on postcards, drawings, photographs and paintings of Blackrod. Stone floors are still evident in some of the down stairs rooms.



<b>BUILDING ADDRESS</b>	Red Lion Public House 101 Church St, Blackrod, Bolton BL6 5EF
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	Original large stone built public house with slate roof. (Date unknown). A wattle and daub wall was found following renovation work in the 1970's which was similar to that found in cottages that were demolished on Blackhorse Street dating back to 1666. Wattle and daub dating from 1185 was also found in the demolition of the Foresters' Arms on Blackhorse Street.
<b>HISTORY</b>	The Red Lion (together with the now demolished Leigh Arms), was an important coaching house on the main London-Carlisle-Glasgow mail route, with this section being part of the 1753 Salford-Westhoughton-Blackrod-Duxbury Bolton Turnpike. There was stabling accommodation for 12 horses and five stage coaches in stone buildings beside the pub, whilst the adjacent Leigh Arms (previously called the Cock Inn – known to locals as "Th'owd Cock") could accommodate 28 horses and up to a dozen stage coaches.
<b>POINTS OF INTEREST</b>	Part of one of the buildings was used as a slaughter house by Bob Smith who had a butcher's shop on Church Street. The blacksmiths was across the road and is now Flounders fish and chip shop.





<b>BUILDING ADDRESS</b>	135, 137 and 139, New Street, Blackrod, Bolton BL6 5AG
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	A row of three, two storey substantially built stone terraced houses. Front doors have semi-circular pediments with glazed fanlights. Slate roofs but most probably stone slates originally. Group value of house numbers 135, 137 and 139.
<b>HISTORY</b>	The houses date from 1766 and are excellent examples of the stone built dwellings of the day. They provide a richness and character to the street scene.
<b>POINTS OF INTEREST</b>	A broad apron of stone flags exists in front of these houses and the former Victoria Inn. The houses are at a lower level than the highway. These houses would have been particularly impressive infilling between the former Victoria Inn and the former Methodist New Connexion Church, which stood on the site of Barn Hey Terrace, built in 1902. The church which had been built in 1816 was demolished in June, 1900.



<b>BUILDING ADDRESS</b>	25 – 29 Stone Cottages Whitehall Lane Blackrod Bolton BL6 5DQ
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	A terrace of 3 original stone built cottages. Slate roofs with original stone lintels and sills for the windows. There have been some minor embellishments on the front elevation with new window frames, a bay window and a vestibule being added.
<b>HISTORY</b>	A carved stone date tablet is situated on the front elevation which indicates a build date of 1775. These cottages are located on what was originally called coal street leading to factory brow and are now the only ones left of that date along Whitehall Lane.
<b>POINTS OF INTEREST</b>	



<b>BUILDING ADDRESS</b>	28 and 29 The Folds Blackrod Bolton BL6 5EP
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	Traditional stone built houses with slate roofs, stone lintels and sills. Similar to other builds in the village and typical for their age. The buildings have similar age connecting walls around the rear gardens. The houses are accessed via original cobbled stone pathways from St. Katharines Drive which sets the character and context for the dwellings.
<b>HISTORY</b>	Built date unknown but based on similar dwellings in the village is probably 1700 to 1800s.
<b>POINTS OF INTEREST</b>	In 1901 Ralph Wilkinson was living at number 28 with his mother Mary Ann. Ralph lost his life in WW1 and Mary Ann, as the oldest mother of the village to lose a son in the war, was asked to unveil the War Memorial in the cemetery on Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 1925.









<b>BUILDING ADDRESS</b>	The Poacher Public House 1-3 Scot Lane Blackrod Bolton B6 5SG
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	The building has two storeys and is detached and free standing on the junction of Scot Lane and Manchester Road Blackrod. It is rendered and has a slate roof. There is a car park to the side and rear.
<b>HISTORY</b>	The Poacher Public House has long served the Scot Lane area of Blackrod Village. Date built unknown. Formerly known as the Scot Lane Inn. 1869 Wigan Directory lists it as the Scot Lane Inn Licensee - Francis Wall 1902 Trades Directory - licensee Thomas Berry Currently owned by Marston's Brewery
<b>POINTS OF INTEREST</b>	The Poacher is an integral part of the Scot Lane area of Blackrod. Scot Lane Colliery, which opened in the 1850's and closed in 1932, was located nearby in the vicinity of the current Blackrod industrial estate. The surrounding area provided houses for miners and their families. Whilst some houses have subsequently been demolished, some are still standing today.



BUILDING ADDRESS	22 Chorley Road Blackrod Bolton BL6 5JS
DESCRIPTION	<p>Original stone building with slate roof. Stone columns make up the surround of the main door aperture with a carved stone lintel and ornate scroll work adjoining the stone. A carved stone tablet is mounted above the door which states: W.FITTEN. LICENSED TO SELL TOBACCO &amp; CIGARS.</p> <p>Although modern window frames have been fitted the character of this stone building is still retained.</p> <p>The large gable end opens onto the original stone slab paved yard at the side of the house.</p> <p>The opposite gable end of the building opens onto the original cobbled stone yard known as Gregory's Yard.</p> <p>This also displays the character of the building in its setting which was typical of its day.</p>
HISTORY	Built Circa 1700-1800
POINTS OF INTEREST	





STRUCTURE ADDRESS	3 Milestones LA MAYC16 Manchester Road B5408 - by hedge on verge LA MAYC17 by 101 Church Street B5408 – Red Lion LA MAYC18 Chorley Road A6 – opposite Crow’s Nest Farm		
DESCRIPTION	3 triangular stone milestones set into the ground, marking the distances to Bolton and Manchester on one face, and to Chorley and Preston on the other face.		
HISTORY	These milestones stand on what was originally the 1753 Salford-Westhoughton-Blackrod-Duxbury Turnpike Route. This was the main London-Carlisle-Glasgow stage coach mail route. This became the A6 trunk road. The Blackrod bypass was opened on 20 <sup>th</sup> April 1934, and thus two of these milestones were no longer on the main route, namely LA MACY16 and LA MACY 17.		
POINTS OF INTEREST	In Blackrod village there were two coaching inns to service the mail route, namely the Red Lion and the Leigh Arms (now demolished). The Red Lion had stabling accommodation for 12 horses and five stage coaches in stone buildings beside the pub, whilst the adjacent Leigh Arms (previously called the Cock Inn – known to locals as “Th’owd Cock”) could accommodate 28 horses and up to a dozen stage coaches. There was a blacksmith across the road in a stone building which now houses Founders fish and chip shop.		
PHOTOGRAPH	LA MACY16 	LA MACY17 	LA MACY18 
			

<b>BUILDING ADDRESS</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Blackrod Footpaths 026 and 027 from Castlecroft Avenue to the A6 road and on to Blackrod Station</li> <li>2. Blackrod Footpath 024 from the end of the un-adopted road from Manchester Road to Station Road</li> <li>3. Blackrod Footpath 083 from the bottom of Whitehall Lane, across the A6 road and then down to the railway tracks</li> </ol>
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	Cobbled public footpaths running down the hill through the fields from Blackrod Village. These are recorded on Bolton Council's definitive map for public rights of way. They are protected under the Highways Act 1980 s130.
<b>HISTORY</b>	<p>These paths are a legacy of the mining and railway heritage, running down the hill from the village to former collieries, the train station and to Blackrod Mill.</p> <p>026 would have served Anderton Hall Colliery. The building of the Blackrod bypass cut across the original path. It continued on down to Blackrod railway station: this lower section now listed as 027.</p> <p>024 originally ran from what is now Heroes Bar through to Tanner's Brow. When the cemetery was opened in 1886 the path was diverted around the cemetery to its current position.</p> <p>083 was formerly part of Factory Brow which led to Anderton Lane, Horwich, crossing the railway line at "Kitty's Crossing".</p>
<b>POINTS OF INTEREST</b>	Paths 026 and 027 from Castlecroft Avenue and path 024 from the unadopted road leading from Manchester Road are still regularly used by local residents to access the Blackrod railway station.

