

= Hebden , North Yorkshire =

Hebden ( / ˈhɛb.dən / HEB @-@ d?rn ) is a village and civil parish in the Craven district of North Yorkshire , England , and one of four villages in the ecclesiastical parish of Linton . It lies near Grimwith Reservoir and Grassington , in Wharfedale in the Yorkshire Dales National Park . In 2011 it had a population of 230 .

Hebden has a church , a chapel , a hotel and public house , a tea room , a community hall , a small general store associated with the pub , and is well served by buses . Until 1983 it had a primary school . Hebden straddles a cross roads . The east @-@ west B6265 road connects it with Grassington 1 @.@ 7 miles ( 2 @.@ 7 km ) to the west , and from there south to the market town of Skipton , 11 @.@ 5 miles ( 18 @.@ 5 km ) from Hebden . To the east , the road crosses a bridge over Hebden Gill , built in 1827 , and thence over the watershed to Pateley Bridge in Nidderdale , 8 @.@ 5 miles ( 13 @.@ 7 km ) distant .

Main Street , the village high street , continues south as Mill Lane , towards the bank of the River Wharfe and the villages of Hartlington and Burnsall , the latter being just over 2 miles ( 3 @.@ 2 km ) away . The road to the north runs to the small hamlet of Hole Bottom , from there continuing as a track onto Grassington Moor .

The layout of the village largely originates from manorial times , but during the 19th century the village grew to become a substantial industrial community with lead mining and a cotton mill as the main sources of employment . Since then it has reverted to a rural community , and is a focal point for walkers and cyclists wishing to enjoy the local countryside .

= = History = =

The name Hebden may be derived from either heope , Old English for a rose @-@ hip or heopa , Old English for a bramble , and dene , Old English for a valley , or from the Scandinavian Hebban , a topographical description of a ridge forming an elevated site above a small valley . Two Bronze Age stone circles and remnants of huts on the moors above the village show that the area has been settled since earliest times , and a hoard of 33 silver dinari dating from 30 to 170 AD found in a local field indicates that the Romans had a presence . The hoard is now on display at the Craven Museum & Gallery . An Iron Age or Romano @-@ British settlement has been tentatively identified on the banks of Gate Up Gill on the moors to the north @-@ west of the village . Place names such as Scale Haw indicate the Norse left their influence . There is no documentary record of the area until a mention in the Domesday Book of 1086 , in which the settlement was referred to as Hebedene held by Osbern d 'Arques , of Thorpe Arch . At the time of the Conquest the land was held by Dreng , which is a Nordic name .

During medieval times , an important east @-@ west droving route used to move sheep between winter pastures around Fountains Abbey and summer pastures around Malham , crossed the Hebden Beck at Hebden . It broadly followed the line of the North Craven Fault avoiding the moorland peat bogs , and became a busy packhorse route for traders .

Although no property in the village is older than the early 17th century , its layout reflects its development in medieval times as a planned village . Eight toft compartments are discernible to the west of Main Street , and the outline of the four surrounding common fields , now divided , may be identified from the pattern of dry stone walls . The fields were largely arable , providing the village with most of its food requirements , but are now farmed exclusively for pasture and hay . The village manor house was on land now occupied by Hebden Hall at the south end of Main Street .

The last stretch of Hebden Beck before it reaches the River Wharfe was used to power a corn mill in the Middle Ages , and corn milling survived into the middle of the 19th century . In the 14th century Fountains Abbey had a fulling mill in the village . In 1791 a three @-@ storey cotton mill was built alongside the corn mill . It housed 54 spinning frames and was productive until 1870 when it was driven out of business by the more efficient stream @-@ driven machinery of the industrial revolution . At its peak , the mill employed more than 70 men , women , and children . The building was used for other purposes including a roller skating rink until it was demolished in 1967 .

Lead mining on Grassington Moor became important in the 18th century , and as a result of the mines ' success , a number of the mine owners promoted the provision of the Grassington to Pately Bridge turnpike road , which was begun in 1760 and provided an all @-@ weather route across the moors for wagons . From the early 19th century Hebden was a dormitory village for some miners , contributing to the population rising to more than 500 in the 1830s . In the early 1850s profitable mines were established in the parish to the north of the village on veins associated with Grassington Moor , which helped sustain the population . Although activity continued sporadically into the last decade of the century , the accessible ore was largely exhausted by 1865 , and the population declined to a low of 199 in 1901 .

As the freeholders shared the mineral royalties , the mines brought prosperity which gave rise to the remodelling and redevelopment of much of the village . Green Terrace , which includes the old post office , was built in the 1870s , and Main Street was transformed from a back lane into the high street . The village school , with working clock and bell tower , was built by the community in 1874 , and the stone @-@ built Ibbotson Institute , now the community hall , was completed in 1903 .

The coming of the Yorkshire Dales Railway to Threshfield in 1902 opened up Hebden as a destination for day visitors and holiday makers . A purpose @-@ built timber guest house was opened in 1909 at the south end of the village by the Co @-@ operative Holiday Association , founded by Thomas Arthur Leonard . It passed into private hands in 1960 , and continued as a holiday centre until 1990 , mainly catering for school parties . The village stores and post office shut at the end of 2013 after 100 years of trading , and a new store associated with the public house opened at the beginning of 2014 , currently run as a community shop . The gold painted George V Type B wall post box was removed from the outside wall of the post office , and replaced with a modern gold painted lamp box a few metres away ; and the K6 Tudor Crown phone box was decommissioned , and set up at the cross @-@ roads as a street ornament .

Although it now has a number of second homes , holiday cottages and commuters , with eight working farms , a fish farm , coach and haulage companies , Hebden remains a working and thriving community .

= = Governance = =

Hebden was a township in the parish of Linton , part of the east division of the wapentake of Staincliffe and Ewcross in the historic county of the West Riding of Yorkshire . It became a separate civil parish in Skipton Rural District in 1866 as a result of the enactment of the Poor Law Amendment Act 1866 . In 1974 it was transferred to Craven District in North Yorkshire as the result of the enactment of the Local Government Act 1972 .

Hebden lies in the Skipton and Ripon Parliamentary Constituency , a seat held by Julian Smith MP for the Conservative ; and in the Mid @-@ Craven electoral division of North Yorkshire County Council , represented by Conservative party member , Shelagh Marshall . Hebden is in the Grassington ward of Craven District , a non @-@ metropolitan district , which is represented by Richard Foster for the Conservative party . As it is located within the Yorkshire Dales National Park , the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority is the local planning authority for the area .

Hebden has a parish council with five independent members supported by a parish clerk . Elections are held every four years , the most recent in 2016 . Council meetings are held every six weeks . The parish council 's activities are largely funded by income from parish lands in the form of rent , grants , and easements .

= = Geography = =

The south @-@ east boundary of Hebden parish is the River Wharfe , 500 feet ( 150 m ) above sea level , and the north @-@ east boundary runs along the Wharfedale @-@ Nidderdale watershed , reaching a height of 1 @, @ 770 feet ( 540 m ) . The upper section of the eastern boundary is Gate Up Gill , one of the main inflows of Grimwith Reservoir . The parish approximates a parallelogram in shape , averaging under 1 @. @ 5 miles ( 2 @. @ 4 km ) in width and some 5 miles ( 8 @. @ 0 km )

in length . To the north , the land rises away from Hebden to the 2 @, @ 310 feet ( 700 m ) summit of Great Whernside , some 7 miles ( 11 km ) distant .

The habitations and main farming areas are largely confined to the Wharfe valley , and the rest of the parish is mainly rough moorland pasture . The village is on one of several branches of the North Craven Fault where Hebden Beck emerges from the moors through a steep @-@ sided valley into the Wharfe valley , on an ancient east @-@ west route .

Hebden Beck rises on Grassington Moor some 2 @. @ 5 miles ( 4 @. @ 0 km ) from the village , but the main valley continues north as a dry valley , until it reaches Mossdale Caverns and the upper flanks of Great Whernside .

The geology is dominated by rocks Carboniferous in age but , as the parish straddles a complex section of the North Craven Fault , it is varied . To the north @-@ east of the village the rocks are predominantly Bowland sandstones and shales , and to the south @-@ east are largely massive limestones . The River Wharfe runs across the limestone , through an impressive gorge at Loup Scar . The mineral veins of the Bowland series have been exploited for lead ore .

= = Population change = =

= = Landmarks = =

Hebden is a centre for walking and cycling in Upper Wharfedale . It has an inn , a shop , and a tea room cater for visitors , and within walking distance are the Dales villages of Appletreewick , Burnsall , Thorpe , Linton and Grassington . A gold post box near the old post office commemorates the 2012 Olympic Games rowing gold medal won by Andrew Triggs Hodge , who grew up in the village . Grimwith Reservoir , used for wind surfing , dinghy sailing , and bird watching , is 2 miles ( 3 @. @ 2 km ) to the east along the B6265 , and 2 miles ( 3 @. @ 2 km ) further is Stump Cross Caverns - a show cave . The Dales Cycle Way passes through Hebden on its way from Appletreewick to Grassington .

Because of its proximity to the Craven Fault , the scenery is varied . The Dales Way passes through the parish along the banks of the River Wharfe between Burnsall and Grassington , mainly through limestone pastures but occasionally , as at Loup Scar and Linton Falls , through limestone gorges and past waterfalls . It crosses the Wharfe at Hebden on a wrapped steel @-@ cable suspension bridge , a few yards upstream of the reconstructed course of medieval stepping stones . The bridge was built in 1885 by local blacksmith William Bell , and paid for by public subscription . Made of recycled materials , it originally had a central supporting pier ( the base of which can be seen in low water conditions ) , that was removed when the span was raised in 1937 after being damaged in a heavy flood . The bridge has been conserved and is a landmark on the river @-@ side path .

Hebden Beck flows down from Grassington Moor , which is dominated by the long @-@ abandoned remains of the lead mining industry , through a rugged and wooded gill , past the hamlet of Hole Bottom , made famous by William Riley 's novel Jerry and Ben , and then over the 16 feet ( 5 m ) Scala Falls . A popular walk is an 8 miles ( 13 km ) circuit up to Grassington Moor , and thence to Grassington , returning along the River Wharfe . South of Hebden , the edge of the limestone is heralded by a number of text @-@ book examples of reef knolls , including Elbolton Hill , Stebden Hill , and Kail Hill , which are the conical remnants of limestone reef structures . Behind the reef knolls is a large expanse of Grassington Grit grouse moor , Thorpe Fell and Burnsall Fell , where walking may be enjoyed - especially around the edges .

= = Conservation area = =

In 2006 the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority designated Hebden a conservation area . In the proposal it was stated that :

" The special character of Hebden is defined by a historic settlement pattern of great significance together with a collection of important listed buildings and a group of unlisted buildings which ,

although essentially vernacular and humble in architectural terms , combine well together to create a harmonious and generally high quality environment of buildings , open spaces and tree cover . In addition , the setting is very distinctive with natural topography of surrounding hills and adjacent steep sided valley combining with a man made agricultural landscape of some age and significance in its own right . "

= = Sport = =

Hebden Sports Day is held annually on August Bank Holiday . Dating back to the nineteenth century , Hebden Sports provides a variety of running races , novelty races , and entertainments for all age groups . It has hosted the professional Hebden Fell Race since at least 1922 , which was a regular feature on the British Open Fell Runners Association calendar until 2013 . The village cricket team , the Hebden Hedgehogs plays in the Underdales League , a league with its own set of idiosyncratic rules . Rugby union , football , and crown green bowling facilities are available at Grassington and Threshfield .

= = Religion = =

Hebden is part of the ecclesiastical parish of Linton in the Skipton deanery of the Diocese of Bradford , and its church was built as a chapel of ease to St Michael and All Angels Church in Linton in 1841 and dedicated to St Peter . Until then , parishioners attended church in Linton a distance of some 1 @. @ 5 mi ( 2 @. @ 4 km ) using the church path across fields to stepping stones crossing the Wharfe . St Peter 's Church was built on land donated by the Rev Henry Bailey , and was designed by the curate , the Rev. John Feron , in the Gothic Revival style . It is a Grade II listed building . Its pipe organ was built by Harrison & Harrison of Durham and was dedicated in 1894 . It was refurbished in 2010 by A. Carter of Wakefield , and has been granted a Grade II Historic Organ Certificate .

The Methodist church built in 1812 is part of the Skipton and Grassington Methodist Circuit . Because the congregations are small , Anglicans and Methodists share a single service on Sundays , alternating between the venues .

= = Public services and transport = =

Local medical facilities are provided by the medical centre in Grassington , and hospital facilities are provided by the Airedale NHS Trust at Airedale General Hospital in Steeton , some 18 miles ( 29 km ) away . Ambulance services are provided by the Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust , who have an ambulance station in Grassington .

Fire fighting services are provided by North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Services , who maintain a retained fire station in Grassington , and cave and mountain rescue services are provided by the Upper Wharfedale Fell Rescue Association , based in Grassington . Police Services are provided by the North Yorkshire Police . The nearest manned police station is in Skipton , but there is a team of officers based in Grassington .

Regional television services are provided by BBC Yorkshire and Yorkshire Television . Cable Internet access is not available in the village , and the ADSL broadband speed is about 2 @. @ 5 Mbit / s . Fast broadband is available from BT Infinity .

Electricity distribution is the responsibility of Northern Powergrid ( Yorkshire ) , which is wholly owned by MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company . There is no domestic gas mains supply . Water is supplied by Yorkshire Water from Embsay Reservoir . Yorkshire Water is responsible for wastewater disposal , and a small @-@ scale treatment plant is located adjacent to the River Wharfe south of Hebden Beck . Refuse collection is handled by Craven District Council , and North Yorkshire County Council provides a household waste and recycling centre at Skibeden , between Bolton Abbey and Skipton .

The village is served by buses , with services to Skipton , Grassington , and Buckden , and other

destinations from Grassington . The nearest railway station is in Skipton , with services to Leeds , Bradford , Carlisle , and Carnforth , and the nearest international airport is Leeds Bradford Airport .