



2 Mapping the Village

Focus Investigation:

What was the village like when Thomas Young and Frederick Dobson lived here?

How has the village changed since this time?

1858 Map Investigation

- Scan the map. Jot down anything you want to find out about places on the map
- What appears to be the most important building on the map?
- Why do you think High Spen came to be built?
- How can you get to and from the village?
- Why was a railway built to such a tiny village?
- What is a reservoir?.....
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- What is a smithy
- Sometimes there are only abbreviations e.g. letters, instead of the whole words. Find out what P.H. stands for?
- What was a ford?
- Sometimes there are unusual names for places. Find out why 'Jawblades Cottages' got its name? Look on the website <http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/en/g/DUR/HighSpen/Part3.html>
- What evidence can you find of other industrial workings



- What was the land surrounding the village used for?

2000 Map

High Spen is a very/not very different place from the village of 1900 because...

(Three map comparisons to be set out as clip boards/ magnifying glass or some such image)

1896 Map Investigation

- Make a note of the changes you can see in the village.

Housing

New buildings

Railways

- What appears to have remained the most important feature of the village?
- Find the house above the miner's Arms. Do you notice there is no back lane separating the houses. They are called 'back to back' houses. How do you think they got this name? Why might they have been built in this way?
- Compare these houses with others on the map. How are they different? Who might have lived in these other houses?

From these two maps I can tell that High Spen has got bigger/not got bigger. My reasons for this are...