

A hive of industry



Welcome to Dukesfield Smelt Mill

Today this valley is a tranquil haven for wildlife and walkers but two hundred years ago the scene was utterly different. All around was a massive industrial complex where lead ores were turned into bars of lead.

Heavy traffic

Every summer hundreds of ponies carried thousands of tons of lead ore here from the distant North Pennine lead mines. Thousands of pieces of lead left here in carts to be sold at Blaydon on the banks of the River Tyne.



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Dukesfield as it might have looked around 1800

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