

Description of the boundaries of Deadwen Clough in 1845

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area: 767 acres, 1 rood, 6 poles

'Commencing at a point at the north-east corner of the Railway Bridge, East Lancashire Railway on the south side of the River Irwell, following the south bank of the said River Irwell to 'Cawl Top', then crossing the river right angles and following the north bank to a point 170 feet beyond Clough Bridge (Cloughfold); crossing the River Irwell at right angles and following the south bank to Myrtle Grove aqueduct; proceeding in an easterly direction across Hare Holme to a point at the junction of a wall with the River Irwell; thence following the south bank to a point immediately opposite from the south-west corner of Baltic Mill; thence following the exterior of the western wall of the said mill and proceeding in a north-easterly direction along the reservoir adjoining the said Mill crossing Burnley Road and meeting the Whitewell Brook; thence proceeding for a distance of 430 feet along the west bank of the said brook and passing in a north-easterly direction through Mill End to meet the western bank of Whitewell Brook; thence following the said western bank to a point at the north-east of the reservoir at Mill End; thence proceeding at right angles to the centre of the Whitewell Brook and following the said centre to a point at Whitewell Bottom opposite the approach to Height Top; thence for 420 feet following the north boundary of the said approach to Height Top; thence proceeding along the east side of a wall for a distance of 800 feet; thence turning at right angles and proceeding along a wall to Saunder Height Lane; thence following the east side of said lane for a distance of 220 feet; thence crossing said lane at right angles and proceeding in a north-westerly direction along field walls to a point at the junction of Meadow Head Lane with the approach to Isle of Sky farm, thence crossing Meadow Head Lane and proceeding along west side of said lane a distance of 250 feet; thence following a wall in a south-westerly direction for a distance of 160 feet; thence turning in a north-westerly direction and following a wall a distance of 475 feet; thence proceeding in a south-westerly direction along field walls to a point on the east side of Chapel Hill Lane at the junction of the north wall of Lower Chapel Hill farmyard and proceeding along the said wall in a south-easterly direction for a distance of 350 feet; thence proceeding in a north-easterly direction along a wall for a distance of 320 feet; thence turning in a south-easterly direction and proceeding along a wall to Waingate Lane; thence following the centre of the said land to Waingate; thence turning at right angles and following the north side of the path to meet Chapel Hill Lane; thence proceeding along the south bank of a brook to a point 130 feet from its junction with a stream called Limy Water; thence turning in a south-easterly direction and crossing the Haslingden and Todmorden Trust Road to meet the bank of the reservoir of Rawtenstall higher Mill; thence crossing the said Trust Road and proceeding in the rear of the houses on the north side of the said Road to a point in the centre of Waingate Lane where Balladen Clough Brook meets said Lane; thence turning and proceeding in a south-easterly direction to meet the west

side of a field approach near Plantation House; thence following west side of said approach, crossing the Haslingden and Todmorden Trust Road and meeting a wall near Green Bank Cottage; thence turning in a westerly direction and following walls to a point in the centre of the Burnley and Edenfield Trust Road, thence following the centre of the said Road to a point near Lower Turnpike; thence proceeding by the rear of the said Turnpike to a point in the centre of Limy water; thence proceeding along the centre of said Limy water to the central point of a bridge carrying the Stacksteads and Laneside Branch of the Haslingden and Todmorden Trust Road over said Limy Water; thence proceeding along the central line of said Trust road to its junction with the Burnley and Edenfield Trust Road; thence following the central line of the said Burnley and Edenfield Trust Road to a point opposite the greenhouse of Newhall Hey House; thence turning in a south-westerly direction to meet the north-east corner of the railway bridge, being the point of commencement.

NB An area comprising farmlands at Height Side, Edge Cote, Cote Doals and Meadow Head and entirely enclosed within the area described above forms part of a detached portion of the Parish of Lower Booths.'

[it is interesting that Deadwyclough has been regarded as a distinct entity for about 450 years before this was written, yet it is described largely in terms of structures built in the early 18th century.]