

The housing provided was of the highest quality. Each had a water supply, gas lighting, an outdoor privy, separate living and cooking spaces and several bedrooms. This compared favourably with the typical worker's cottage.

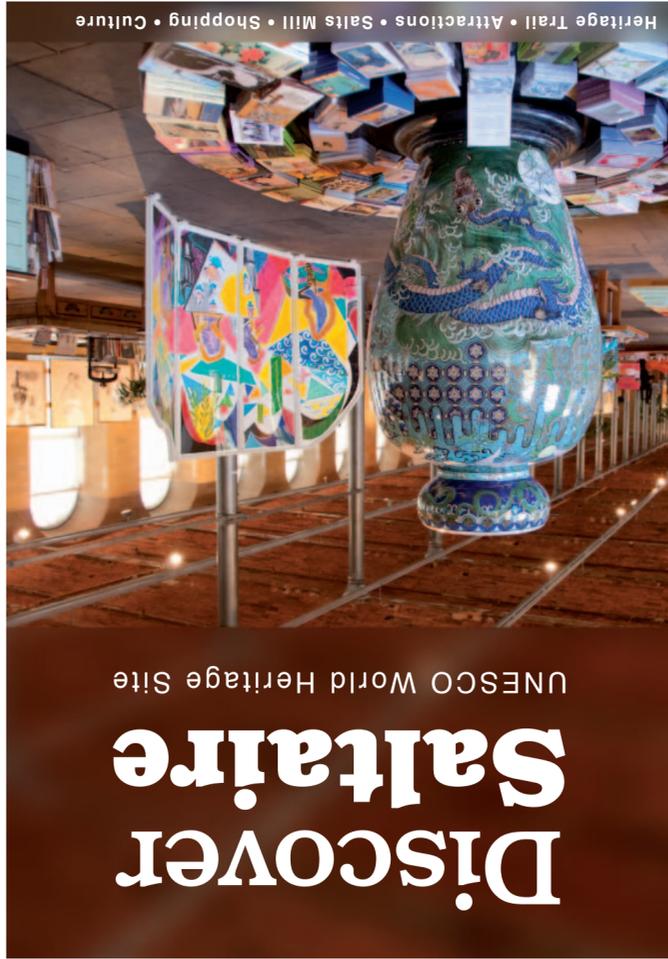
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Local architects, Henry Lockwood and Richard Mawson, were employed to plan a new community where Salt's workforce would be healthier, happier and more productive. Work began in 1851 and continued until 1876. Salts Mill was the first building to be completed in 1853.

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Saltire History

Saltaire takes its name from its founder, Sir Titus Salt (1803-1876), and the River Aire, which runs through the village. Salt made his fortune in the Bradford textile industry, manufacturing fine woollen fabrics. Determined to escape the polluted and overcrowded town centre for greener pastures, he made a bold decision to relocate his business and his employees.



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Getting to Saltaire

Saltaire is in West Yorkshire and 4 miles from Bradford. Saltaire can easily be reached on public transport. Take a train from Bradford Forster Square (10 min journey) or a train from Leeds (15 min journey).

There are also several buses from Bradford to Saltaire: 662, 623, 679, and 677.

For information on public transport in West Yorkshire visit www.wymetro.com or call 0113 245 7676.

Bradford Visitor Information Centre

Contact us for more information to help plan your visit including accommodation and special events.

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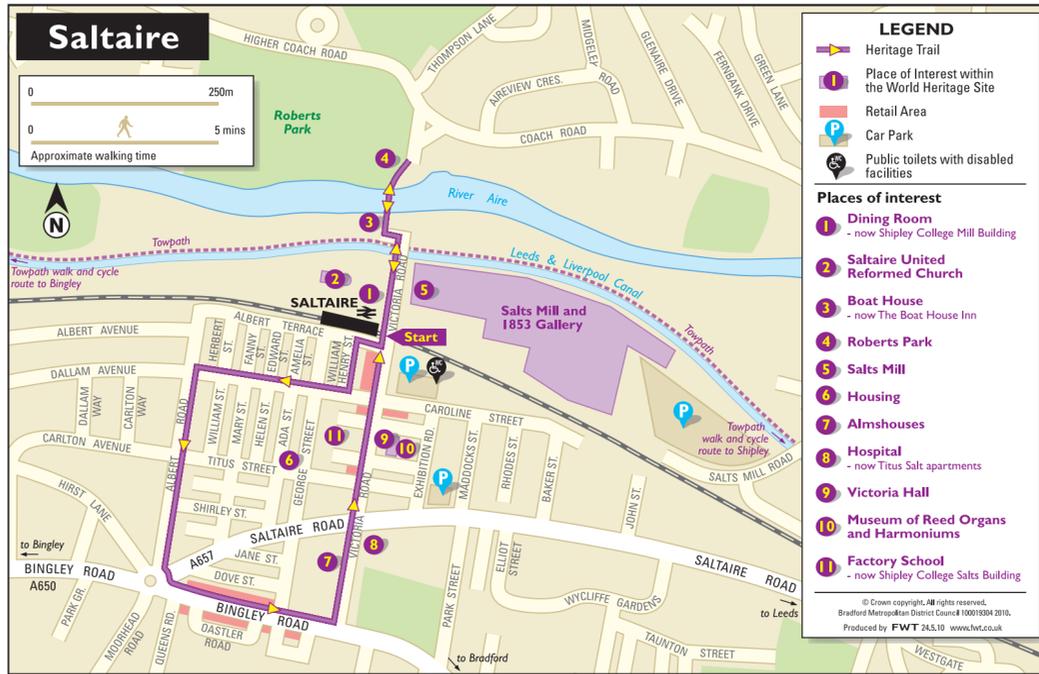
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Did you know? Saltaire United Reformed Church is a grade 1 listed building, which is the same category as York Minster and Hampton Court Palace!

Turn left down the ramp and follow the path around to the right to cross the River Aire by the modern footbridge. Salt believed leisure was good for his workers' health, particularly as a distraction from the temptations of alcohol. Roberts Park was included in Salt's plans from an early stage and it was completed in 1871.



Retrace your steps back to the Railway Bridge and look towards the mill chimney. Can you feel a breeze behind you? Salt was concerned about the harmful effects of smoke produced by factories and located his mill where the prevailing westerly winds would blow the smoke away from the village. The Mill is clearly separated from the housing by the allotments where workers could grow their own food. This zoning approach was copied at other company towns and is echoed today by concentrating noisy and dirty businesses in industrial estates.



Turn around and walk down the cobbled Albert Terrace. Then turn left into William Henry Street. The three storey houses originally provided shared lodgings for single workers. Small front gardens and more spacious houses were provided for the 'overlookers', the foremen of the factory floor. Turn right onto Caroline Street. Here the front doors of the properties open straight onto the street indicating that they were for lower paid employees. As you walk along you

Take time to look at the street names. Titus Salt named the streets after his children, the Queen and the architects.

will see the streets branch off at regular intervals. This grid pattern was chosen to use the available land efficiently. Although the houses are close together, Lockwood and Mawson ensured that their height

in relation to the width of the road allowed each house to receive ample daylight.



Continue to the junction with Albert Road. Here turn left uphill. First you will pass a row of 'overlookers' houses before finding the grandest semi-detached residences, home to the company's executives, teachers and the church minister. Originally they had fine views over open country.



At the top of Albert Road, turn left and use the zebra crossing to cross Saltaire Road. Continue straight ahead and then walk left around the corner to reach Bingley Road. Continue along Bingley Road and then turn left into Victoria Road. Grouped around Alexandra Square are the Almshouses. This pleasant green is one of several open areas located at regular intervals along Victoria Road. Spaces like these were normally found only in the most affluent areas of Victorian towns.



Did you know? Forty years before the first state pension elderly or infirm persons of good moral character were provided with a home and pension in the almshouses.

Continue downhill until you reach the crossroads, where the former Hospital building stands at the corner. Use the puffin crossing to continue along Victoria Road. You will soon reach two of the finest buildings in the village, the School on the left and the Institute on the right. They are set back from Victoria Road with an open space in front to form Victoria Square. Named in honour after the Queen, Victoria Road linked all the community facilities and important buildings together, creating another distinct zone within the village.

Continue along Victoria Road past the row of shops to complete your tour where it began at the railway bridge.



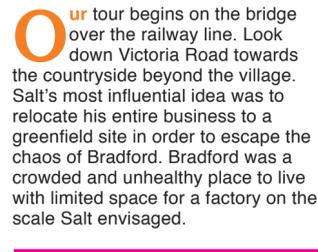
The Heritage Trail

Our tour begins on the bridge over the railway line. Look down Victoria Road towards the countryside beyond the village. Salt's most influential idea was to relocate his entire business to a greenfield site in order to escape the chaos of Bradford. Bradford was a crowded and unhealthy place to live with limited space for a factory on the scale Salt envisaged.

Church on the left until you reach the canal bridge. Take time to visit the church (see Beautiful Architecture for opening times). Despite its rural location Saltaire was not isolated. Salt wanted to distribute his products quickly and cheaply so he chose a site with excellent transport links. The Mill was built beside the railway, the motorway of the nineteenth century. The canal linked the village to Leeds and Liverpool and there were good local road connections.

Did you know? Bradford was the country's fastest growing town; the population had exploded from 13,000 in 1801 to 104,000 in 1851

Continue downhill along Victoria Road, passing the impressive Saltaire United Reformed



From world-class art in Salts Mill, to a picnic in Roberts Park to ten days of culture at the Saltaire Festival, there's something for everyone.



Salts Mill

1853 Gallery and David Hockney

Salts Mill is home to one of the largest collections of David Hockney's art. On the ground floor you will find the 1853 Gallery which houses a permanent exhibition of works by David Hockney.

Gallery 2 and the Saltaire Exhibition

On the second floor beyond Salts Book and Poster Shop is Gallery 2 and the Saltaire Exhibition. At the time of writing, Gallery 2 is exhibiting some of the very latest works by David Hockney. Simon Palmer's collection of Saltaire paintings and drawings are also on show. At the rear of the Gallery is the Saltaire Exhibition, a fascinating exhibition which explores Saltaire's history from 1853 to the present day. You will also find Salts Diner and the Espresso bar on this floor.

Shopping at the Mill

If you enjoy shopping then take time to explore the many independent shops in the mill which include everything from bikes to antiques. Stroll around the Salts Book and Poster shop and browse in The Home a luxury home ware and furniture shop.

Victoria Road, Saltaire, BD18 3LA (Use BD18 3TT in your sat nav for car park).
Tel: 01274 531163. www.saltsmill.org.uk
Open 10am – 5.30pm Monday to Friday, 10am – 6pm Saturday and Sunday. Admission free.

Beautiful Architecture

Walking round the village you will find some beautiful buildings all with their own fascinating history. Here are some to look out for...

5 buildings to admire:

Salts Mill

When Salts Mill opened in 1853, it was the biggest factory in the world. 3000 workers toiled away at 1200 looms, producing 30,000 yards of cloth every single day.

Saltaire United Reformed Church

Victoria Rd, Saltaire, BD18 3LF. Tel: 01274 597894. www.saltaireurc.co.uk
Completed in 1859 the church is an outstanding example of Italianate religious architecture and is now a Grade 1 listed building. Sir Titus Salt is interred in the mausoleum. Open: 1pm - 4pm Sundays all year when the café will also be open. Monday - Friday from Easter – end October 2pm - 4pm.

Victoria Hall

Opened in 1871 as the Saltaire Club and Institute it offered a library, dance hall and lecture theatre, meeting rooms, billiards room and gymnasium. Now known as Victoria Hall it is home to the Museum of Reed Organs and Harmoniums.

Factory School

Mill owners were required to ensure the children they employed received an education, but not to provide facilities. Sir Titus far exceeded his duties and built this beautiful school fully-equipped to provide his young employees with a good education. It opened in 1868 and now forms part of Shipley College.

Almshouses

Eldery or infirm persons of good 'moral character' were provided with free living accommodation and a pension in each of these forty-five almshouses completed in 1868.



Want to know more about Saltaire's history?

Join one of Salts Walks guided walks, a fun and informal tour of the village with an expert guide. Saturday and Sunday at 2pm. Meet outside Magic Number Three. Tel: 01274 599887 / 07952 745471 or visit www.saltairevillage.info



Eating out

The town of Shipley is a 10 minute walk from the village and has a growing reputation as a town that takes its food seriously. Visit the Aagrah an award winning restaurant that specialises in Kashmiri cuisine. Other popular choices include Thai Fever, the Tapas Tree, Yo Yo Bar and Restaurant and Shimla Spice.

Also not to be missed is Interlude Café a unique 1920s style tea room providing quality food and drink in stylish surroundings. Open from 7.30am until 3.30pm.

3 Cafes to relax in after seeing the sites

Vicars Café Bistro, Victoria Road

A popular café which serves breakfast, coffees, tasty lunches as well as a five course community dinner on Friday and Saturday evenings (7.30pm for 7.45pm).

Salts Diner, Salts Mill

A relaxed friendly diner with a comprehensive menu and a daily selection of specials.

Massarella Fine Art & Tea Rooms

Stop off at Massarella's a popular gallery for great coffee, scrumptious home-made scones and sandwiches.

3 Restaurants not to miss

Café in the Opera, Salts Mill

A great place for lunch is Salts Mill's Café in the Opera a popular fish restaurant on the 3rd floor. Open Wed – Sun 10am – 5pm.

La Rue, Bingley Road

Enjoy modern British cuisine at La Rue a stylish restaurant which serves the best in fresh local produce.

Don't Tell Titus, Victoria Road

This popular bar and restaurant takes its name from mill owner Titus Salt's ban on alcohol in the village. When planning the village he didn't build a public house.

3 Pubs for a nice pint of real ale

Fanny's Ale House, Saltaire Road

Traditional alehouse with wooden floorboards, authentic gaslights and an impressive selection of real ale.

Boat House Inn, Victoria Road (see map for location)

This converted boathouse once owned by Titus Salt is now a thriving pub which serves food and a great selection of beers and wines.

The Old Tramshed, Bingley Road

Visit The Old Tramshed a popular pub and restaurant for great food, wine and local real ale. There's also a large area outside for alfresco dining.



Saltaire Brewery and Visitor Centre

Dockfield Road, Shipley BD17 7AR
Tel: 01274 594959 www.saltairebrewery.co.uk
State of the art micro-brewery. The brewery features a Visitor Centre with mezzanine bar and exhibition about the science of brewing. Only open in the evening to pre-arranged groups. Check the website for information on the various events held throughout the year.

Festivals and events

There's always something happening in the village. One of the best times to visit is in September for the Saltaire Festival. The Saltaire Festival runs for 10 days and events include exhibitions, live music, markets, a beer festival and comedy nights.

The Saltaire Arts Trail is also a popular event where local artists open up their houses to showcase art and craft from across Yorkshire. Other highlights include the Makers' Fair and the Open Exhibition.

Throughout the year there are also regular markets, gigs, vintage fairs (organised by The House of Rose and Brown) and guided walks at nearby Bracken Hall.



Green spaces and canal boat trips

Titus Salt deliberately built Saltaire next to the Leeds Liverpool Canal and railway so he could distribute his products quickly and cheaply. Of course today the canal is used for leisure rather than transporting goods and there's an excellent towpath towards Bingley and Leeds. Cycling is also permitted on the towpath for those who have a permit. Permits are available from the British Waterways website.

Dream Achievers also run a 1.5 hour circular boat trip on the canal, picking up at the canal side at the foot of the bridge. Other pick up points include Shipley Wharf and Hirst Lock. Trips run Tuesday – Sunday.

Across the bridge over the River Aire is Roberts Park which has recently received a £4.5 million refurbishment to bring it back to its former Victorian splendour. Enjoy a picnic in the park and look out for the regular events including the bandstand concerts.

Things to do

Bracken Hall Countryside Centre

Glen Road, Baildon, Shipley BD17 5EA.
Tel: 01274 584140. www.bradfordmuseums.org

Bracken Hall Countryside Centre has displays and exhibitions relating to the local landscape, archaeology, history, geology and natural history of the area. May to August, Wednesday to Sunday. April/September/October, Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday. November to March Wednesday and Sunday. Spring, Summer Bank Holiday Mondays. All open 12 noon – 5pm. Admission free.

Shipley Glen Tramway

Prod Lane, Baildon, Shipley BD17 5BN.
Tel: 01274 589010. www.glentramway.co.uk

This unique tramway was built in 1895 and operates a narrow-gauge 'toast-rack' cable hauled trams. Shipley Glen is currently closed for ongoing maintenance. Please call 01274 589010 for more information.

Museum of Reed Organs and Harmoniums

Victoria Hall, Victoria Road, Saltaire BD18 3LA
Tel: 07976 535980 Email: phil@harmoniumservice.demon.co.uk
A collection of around 100 organs along with advertising material of the period. Open Sunday – Thursday, 11am – 4pm. Closed Fri and Sat. Dec and Jan. Adult £3.50, Concession/Child £3.00

Shopping

Shopping in Saltaire is a real pleasure with its many independent shops and boutiques.

A great place to start is Salts Mill which offers a unique shopping experience. Purchase artist materials on the ground floor, browse Salts Book and Poster store, Kath Libbert Jewellery, Allan Austin and The Home on the second floor and visit Opera Florist on the third. Make sure you don't miss the shops located outside the mill including The Early Music Shop and All Terrain Cycles. But Saltaire shopping is not just about Salts Mill. Walk up Victoria Road and discover the delights of Magic Number Three an ethical boutique, The House of Rose & Brown for all the best in vintage clothing and accessories and Art Parade a craft and photography gallery.

Walk further up to Bingley Road (see map for location) for a variety of shops, cafes and restaurants. Drop into the deli and cookware shop for lovely fresh produce including 30 different kinds of cheese, meats and even stuffed baby pumpkins! Nearby is the Butterfly Rooms a beautiful shop which stocks a gorgeous selection of candles, cushions and gifts.

Don't miss Saltaire's Local Produce Market

on the 3rd Saturday of every month!

