

## BUILDINGS OF HISTORICAL & ARCHITECTURAL INTEREST SADDLEWORTH LOCAL LIST RECORD

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| List No.                | <b>3-007</b>            |
| Area                    | <b>DIGGLE 3</b>         |
| Township                | <b>SADDLEWORTH</b>      |
| Property Name & Address | <b>Runninghill Pits</b> |
| Grid Ref.               | SE 01700 07500          |
| Surveyor                | A. Schofield 2011, 2020 |
| Photo                   |                         |



### Current Use

Disused stone quarries

### Description of Building: age, style, notable/original features, significant alterations, general state of repair.

c.1810. The Kinderscout gritstone found in the 4 quarries above the steep hillside called Big Rough was deemed to be of high quality & available in large blocks suitable for buildings such as churches. Access was via the stone track extension of the Running Hill Gate onto Broadstone Moss from The Cross Keys Inn. 5 more quarries, Runninghill Pits, were opened on Broadstone Moss. The mining of the stone created deep craters & high rock faces. Locals named some pits such as double barrel, a stack of 2 uncut isolated stone & single barrel. Spanner quarry has a large metal spanner left on a ledge. Bedding planes are visible some being thin shale & some have tunnels in the softer rock. The use of black powder has left huge circular blast marks. Unsafe.

### Interesting features of the surroundings of the building/ its setting?

The approach road and the local enclosure walls are constructed using the rubble and prepared stone

### Mapping evidence

1854 OS map: *Mapping Saddleworth I*: M. Buckley et al, SHS, 2007

