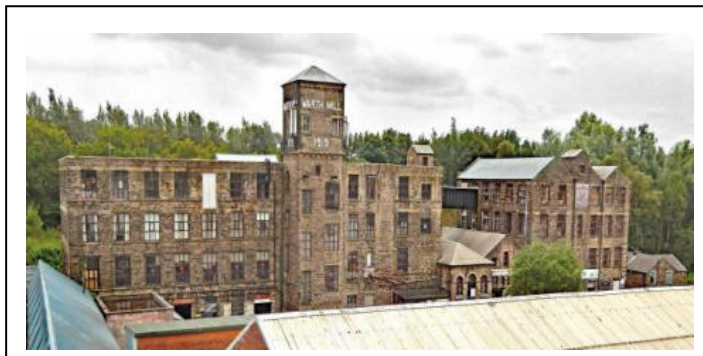


BUILDINGS OF HISTORICAL & ARCHITECTURAL INTEREST SADDLEWORTH LOCAL LIST RECORD

List No.	3-022
Area	DIGGLE 3
Township	SADDLEWORTH
Property Name & Address	Warth Mill, Huddersfield Road
Grid Ref.	SE 00300 07830
Surveyor	A. Schofield, 2010
Photo	2020



Current Use

Multi-occupancy industrial and retail

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

LC18 textile mill destroyed by fire in 1915. Rebuilt by CWS manufacturing flannels. Bought in 1928 by Tanner Brothers producing tyre fabric. Front elevation: left bay 4- storey with 4x9-pane windows on three floors with ground floor hidden, sills and lintels continuous string, sills proud rock faced, roof appears flat; 2nd bay left tower block, each floor taller than last block suggesting different build, 5-storey with ground floor with single entrance, 1x9-pane and 1x6-pane offset windows each of 3 floors, tower of ashlar-blocks with string and corbel decoration at 5th floor level with date '1919 and CWS' on each face in what looks like tile material; 3rd block from left is attached to tower block but has straight joint suggesting separate build, 4 floors of 2x9 pane windows of which 1 on ground turned to a door, gable with 4 narrow 'toilet windows per floor, depth of building hidden. 4th block same with 5 floor hoist wheel house and bridge to remaining block at 3rd floor level, in front 2x 2 & 3 storey buildings with stone arched windows of later period. 5th block 4 storey 3 bays each bay with gable, sills in string course; blue slate roof with 2 valleys, 6x9 pane windows per floor bays 1 & 3 with doors on ground floor, hoist wheel house 5th floor centre bay with 1 window 3rd floor and 1 large per floor, the block 5 bays deep. Cast iron downspouts with ground floor inset into wall. Diggle Brook runs under the central concreted concourse. Various states of repair. Warth Mill (fulling) 1786 *SHS Bulletin* Vol 13, No. 2.

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

Original site east of brook is on site of smaller early mill see 1854 map. Mill dam behind buildings is now infilled. 6th June 1964 a flood ran through the north eastern shed & across the mill yard damaging all but one machine. (*Oldham Chronical Supplement*, June 8th 1964).

Mapping evidence

Plan of the Township of Quick and Parish of Saddleworth 1822, *Mapping Saddleworth II*, M. Buckley et al, SHS, 2010. 1854 OS map: *Mapping Saddleworth I*: M. Buckley et al, SHS, 2007

