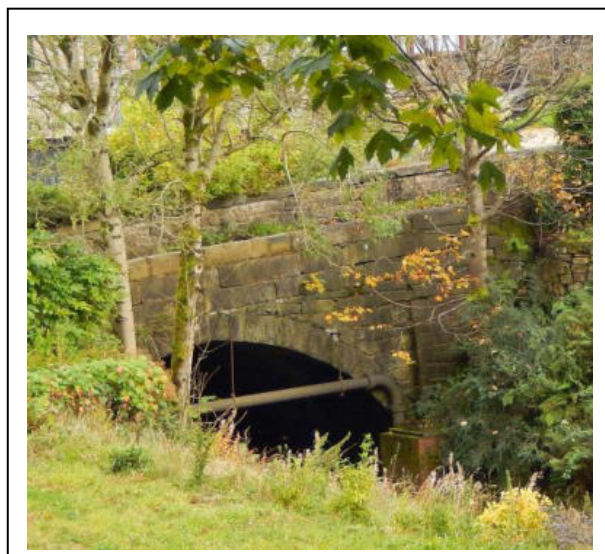


BUILDINGS OF HISTORICAL & ARCHITECTURAL INTEREST SADDLEWORTH LOCAL LIST RECORD

List No.	3-027
Area	DIGGLE 3
Township	SADDLEWORTH
Property Name & Address	Diggle Bridge
Grid Ref.	SE 00720 07890
Surveyor	A. Schofield 2011, 2020
Photo	2011



Current Use

Bridge over Diggle Brook

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

Parapet topped with large squared stones with keyed arch. From medieval times the route from Standedge to Saddleworth Church & Mottram in Longdendale would have crossed here. At Quarter Sessions 1774 Bridge declared very narrow, ruinous & in decay. Saddleworth awarded £39 towards rebuilding. B. Barnes, *Passage Through Time*, SHS, 1981, p 87.

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

A short distance downstream Diggle Brook enters a long tunnel created by the canal, three railway lines and shunting sidings. The original canal route ran near the tunnel entrance where there is still evidence of the overflow above the brook tunnel entrance. Water from Diggle Reservoir tunnel through Greenbank emerges behind trees to right of photo. Across the goods yard access road part of old canal extant & still flowing.

Mapping evidence

Map of the Inclosures in the Parish of Saddleworth belonging to James Farrar Esq., 1770; Plan of the Township of Quick and Parish of Saddleworth 1822: Mapping *Saddleworth II*: M. Buckley et al, SHS, 2010

