

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

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| List No.                | <b>4-045</b>                                      |
| Area                    | <b>DIGGLE 4</b>                                   |
| Township                | <b>SADDLEWORTH</b>                                |
| Property Name & Address | <b>Site of Bakestone Pit, former Mill and Dam</b> |
| Grid Ref.               | SE 01080 08840                                    |
| Surveyor                | A. Schofield 2020                                 |
| Photo                   | 2020                                              |



### Current Use

Disused Mill Dam

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

Backstone dam collected water the stream from Drybridge and presumably from Brun Clough but no leet is visible. A scribbling mill was built in 1792 by James Hobson on his land at Thurstons and Brun Clough. The overflow is extant hidden behind brambles and some parts of release water mechanism just visible. . It can be seen hidden in the vegetation next to the stream. The dam is unused & covered in rushes.

Backstone refers to the 18C bakestones made here (See *Local Interest Trail No. 10 Diggle*, SHS). See also Bakestone Mill, woollen/scribbling. *SHS Bulletin*, Vol. 1, No. 2, (1971); Vol. 13, No. 2. (1983); Vol 23, No. 4, (1993).

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

Bakestones made from a particular type of shale found locally. Delph bakestone makers paid Diggle makers to stop production in 1721 to stop competition!

### Mapping evidence

A building is shown on Plan of the Township of Quick & Parish of Saddleworth 1822: *Mapping Saddleworth II*, M. Buckley et al, SHS 2010



**Remains of sluice gate mechanism**