

VILLAS OF WEST ILKLEY #1

After the railway arrived in 1865 and the land sales from 1867 the few thatched cottages of the village were swept away for new wide streets and stone terraces and villas. Green Lane, on the east to west Roman road became The Grove from 1870. New elegant streets were laid out leading up south towards the moor

Start at the south west of The Grove at Grove Garden, a sensory garden, by Parish Ghyll Road., to walk up Parish Ghyll R

The Grove Gardens - now part of Sensory Garden

By 1871 this was a gated street described as 'the Belgravia of the North' in the Ilkley Gazette. On the left Dutch gabled Hopewell Terrace opposite large semis set in gardens. Near the top on the left **Ilkley High School** erected in 1869 in stone, opposite houses named to reflect this was once an area of 'fine oak trees'. On the left corner Acorn Mount [Greenways] designed in 1894 by Alex G Adkin

At the top of Parish Ghyll Rd turn right to walk along Parish Ghyll Dr

Opposite is a woodland park planted from 1897 Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria. On the right is Ashburn House from late 1860s with a long stone boundary wall. On the left is the boundary wall of 1870 Ferndale, standing at junction with Princess Rd. Ferndale was built by the Leeds architect William Hill for himself.

Cross Oakburn Rd and continue to walk along Parish Ghyll Dr

On the right at the corner was a tall oak tree. One Oak House was built in the 1880s and then comes a large garden to the stream in the ravine.

At the next junction leave Parish Ghyll Dr, turn 2nd left to walk down Wilton Rd

These detached semis and large terrace houses were built in the 1890s.

At the bottom of Wilton Rd turn left to walk along Grove Rd

On the right are the boundary walls of the 1870s Summerfield, home of the Cooke family until the 1930s and 1890s Warlbeck. On the left are gardens of 1890 semis and detached Inglehurst from 1880s.

At Heath Park turn left walk up to the middle to look back

Opposite is Heathcote. It was built in 1906 - 08 on the site of 1880s Rose Mount and Heathcote by JT Hemmingway. He was a successful businessman who, starting as warehouseman, eventually owned Geo Richardson & Co Ltd - a worsted cloth merchants in Bradford. Heathcote and all its furnishings was designed by Edwin Lutyens. The garden was probably designed by Gertrude Jekyll.

Return to Grove Road, proceed west past Shannon Close and Grove Avenue

On the right, after the hedge, is a stone boundary wall of 1890s Southern Hey, renamed by 1912, by Mr Ackroyd, Glen Rosa. Grove Avenue was built in early 1900s by Ilkley builders Pease & Co

At the cross roads. cross over Grove Rd. turn right to walk down Victoria Ave

A house Sunwood on right by Milnes & France, on left 1898 house The Briery for Sidney Kellett by AG Adkin.

At the next junction turn right to walk along Kings Rd towards Ilkley centre

On left mainly 1890s houses designed by Ilkley architect Alex G Adkin. Right: stone walls from the back of the of the Grove Rd houses. The back of Heathcote.

Pass Easby Drive and continue along Kings Rd

Elmleigh and the large houses down Easby Dr were built in 1870s by George Smith. On right was the 1890s Warlbeck, home of FB Muff of Brown & Muff store, Bradford.

Turn right onto South Parade, walk to the end to Grove Rd

A street of 1870s and 1880s houses.

Turn left along Grove Rd towards Ilkley centre

On the left Beck House, then Eldermere from 1880s in gardens with the diverted Ewe Croft stream. Opposite 1880s Hawthorn Terrace and a pair of 1890s semis.

Cross Westville Rd and continue on Grove Rd

On left Ashbrook from 1890 for Wm Hepton by AG Adkin, then 1905 Morven for Dr T Header Brown by Cannon & Chorley of Leeds, with the stream edging the gardens.

As you walk over the bridge look into 1890s Spence Gardens *{perhaps explore the paths, bridges over the stream and trees}*. On the right is a detached house, pair of semis and Grove Terrace all designed by George Smith in the 1870s.

Cross Kings Rd and follow Grove Rd past the War Memorial Gardens then cross over to the left onto The Grove

There are semis from the 1870s, notice the roof line of Acorn Villas. The Canker Well had a formal drinking fountain from the 1870s. At the back of the garden is a marble trough, from 1844 Ben Rhydding Hydro. Opposite is the 1890s St James building.