

## Back in Time - 34 - Monton Road and Monton Road Bridge

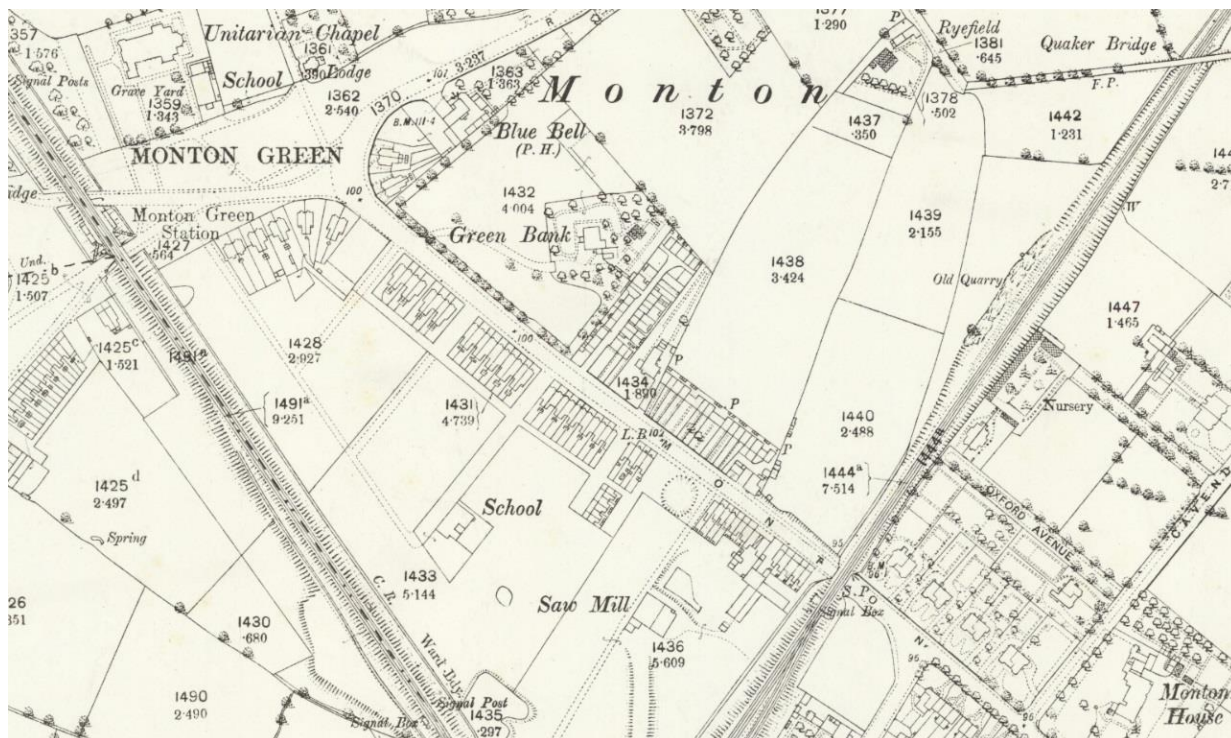
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As the recent photograph of Monton Green was very popular I thought it would be a good idea to post two photographs of Monton Road. I have also included four maps of Monton Road, 1848, 1893, 1908 and 1929 that show how Monton has developed over the last 175 years.



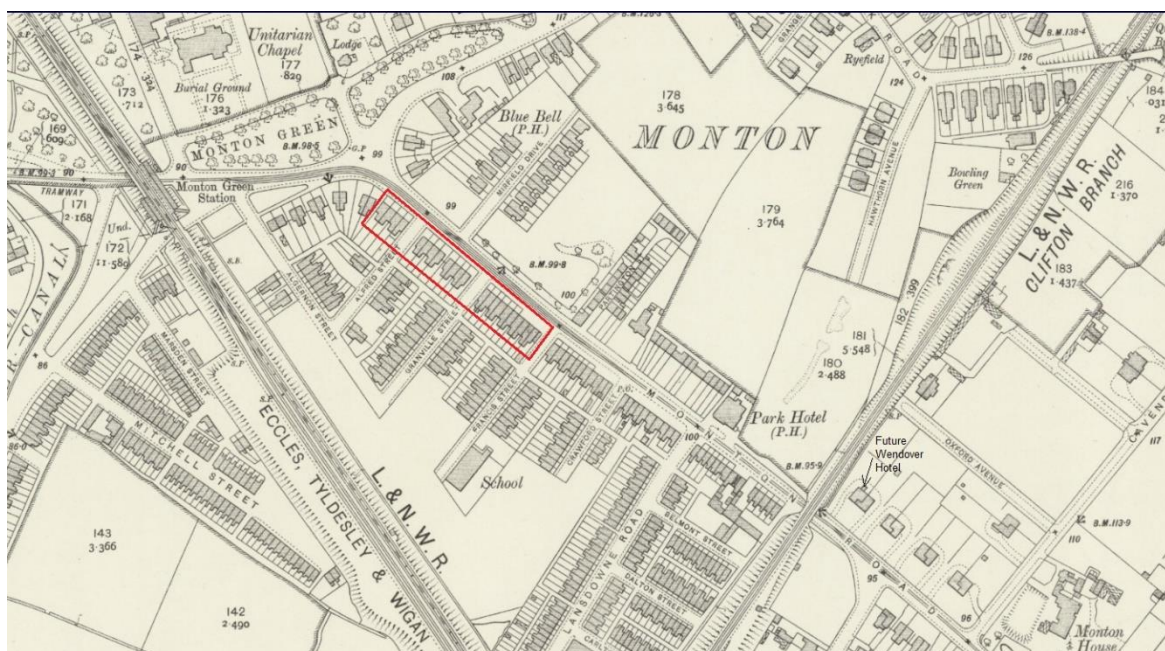
**Map of Monton in 1848**

The 1848 map of Monton shows very little property along Monton Road, then called Slack Lane. There is a string of terraced cottages with relatively long front gardens fronting Monton Road. There is also a road, perpendicular to Monton Road, with more small cottage properties. This road was named Partington Street and sadly it has now become the site for the Partington Street Car Park. In the 1840s the railway bridge was called Slack Lane Bridge.



**Map of Monton in 1893**

The 1893 map shows a massive expansion in the number of properties along the south west side of Monton Road. Partington Street and the original string of cottages are still shown with their long front gardens. All the new terraced houses on Monton Road have small front gardens, presumably these were primarily family homes.

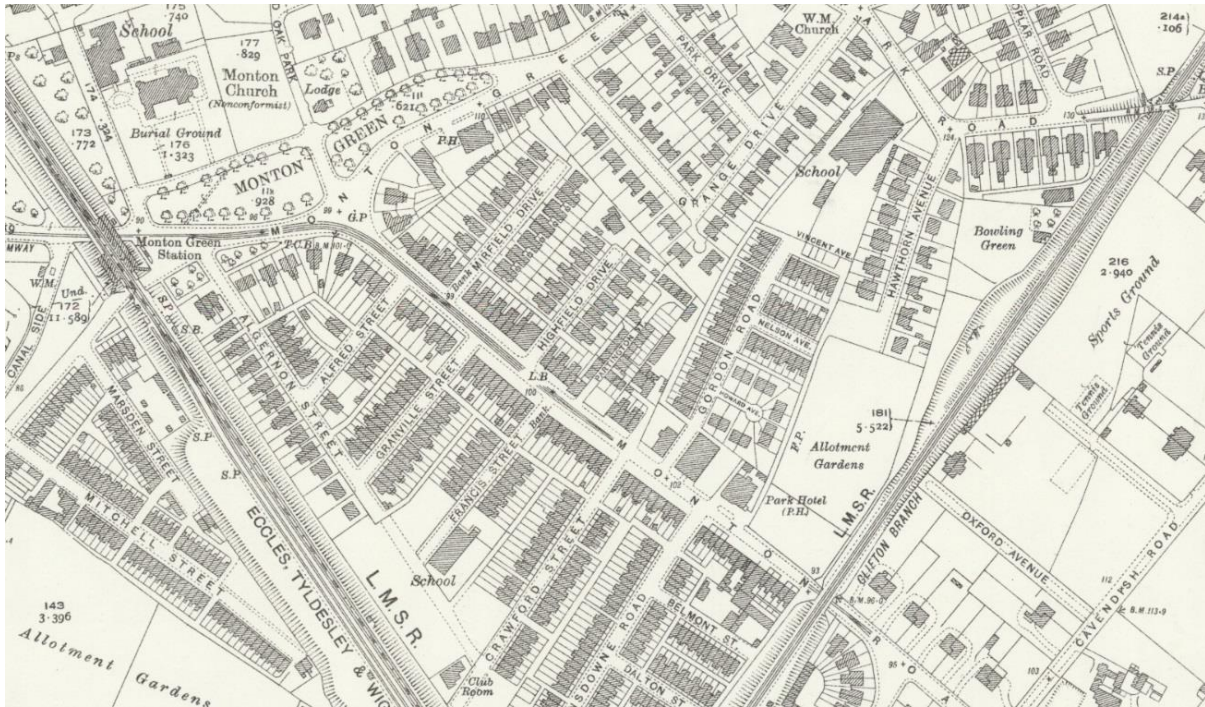


**Map of Monton in 1908**

The 1908 map (surveyed in 1904) shows that a significant number of the properties on the south west side of Monton Road have sacrificed their gardens as the front rooms of these properties became shops of various descriptions. The block of houses outlined in red are the houses in the photograph, Monton Road c1900. You can see that a public house called Park Hotel has now been built next to the terrace of cottages.



On the other side of the railway there is a semi-detached house backing on to Oxford Avenue in Ellesmere Park; this house would become the Wendover Hotel (later renamed the Monton House Hotel). The first owner of the Wendover Hotel was Mrs Potts who lived at 'Highfield' on Cavendish Road.



**Map of Monton in 1929**

By 1929 a significant number of the houses on Monton Road were shops and Monton would begin to resemble the high street we know today with the wide pavement.





**Monton Road circa 1900**



**Monton Road 2020**





**Monton Road Railway Bridge circa 1940**

The second photograph, Monton Road Railway Bridge c1940, carried the L. & N.W.R. Clifton Branch from Patricroft, under Quaker Bridge and on to Clifton. When the Black Harry Tunnel collapsed in 1953 the branch line closed but the track was still used as a siding for goods wagons. The Monton Road Bridge was demolished in 1964. After the track was removed the land to Quaker Bridge was made into a linear park, it now forms part of the Linear Walkway.



**Location of what was the Monton Road bridge - 2020**

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