

Back in Time - 32 - Monton Green and Monton Canal Bridge

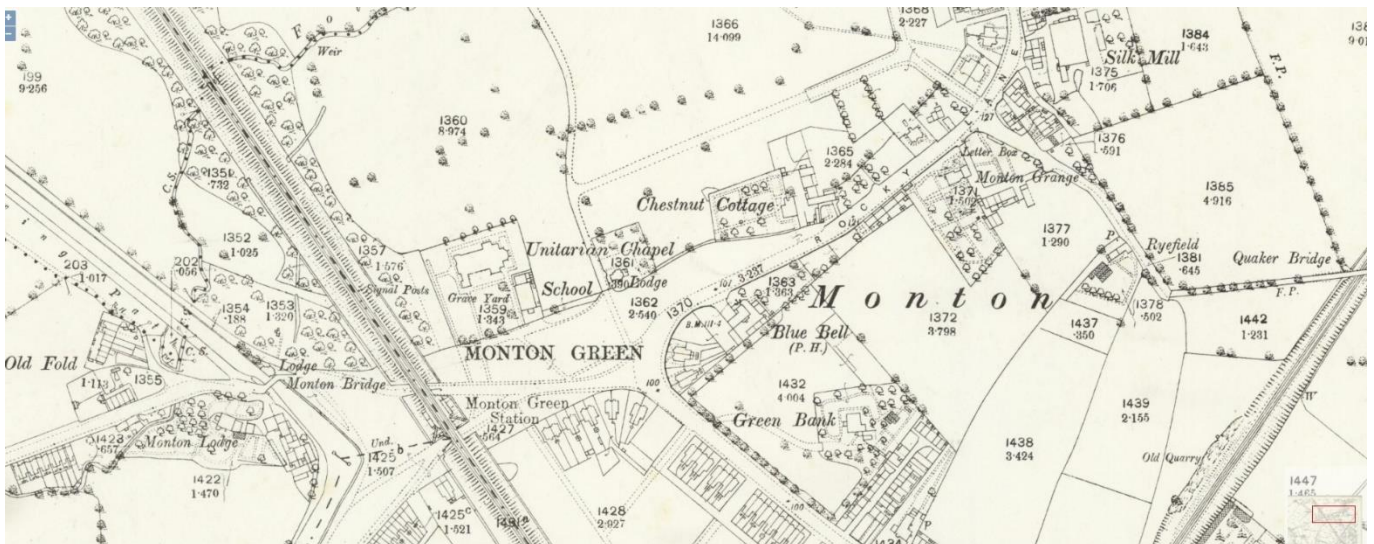
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The map of Monton Green 1848, which was surveyed in 1845, shows a sparsely developed Monton village with very few houses.



Map of Monton - 1848

The railway crosses Monton Green but there is no indication of a station at this location. There are some familiar places, The Blue Bell Inn and Quaker Bridge for example. The road at the bottom right is Slack Lane which was renamed Monton Road. Monton Bridge over the Bridgewater Canal gives access to the Old Ford cottages and Parrin Lane.



Map of Monton - 1893

By contrast the map of Monton Green in 1893, which was surveyed in 1888, shows a densely populated village with many properties, a significant number still standing today. Monton Green Station is now established on the on the railway bridge. The Unitarian Church has been built on a prominent position on the Green. The lodge at the side of Monton Bridge, which is still there today, is shown on this map.



Monton Green c1885

The photograph, Monton Green c1885 shows a wonderful view looking across to the Blue Bell Inn; the original inn shown in this photograph was rebuilt in 1902. As drones were not that common in Victorian times, this photograph must have been taken from the railway station adjacent to the railway bridge. The houses on the right, one in particular, have changed very little in 140 years as the Google street view photograph shows.



Google Street View - Monton Green - 2020



Monton Bridge circa 1885

The photograph, Monton Bridge circa 1885, shows the original bridge over the Bridgewater Canal, the lodge at Dukes Drive can be clearly seen behind the bridge. The building on the left was an off licence and is now the Waterside Restaurant.



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