

MENSTON 2025 HERITAGE GROUP

Menston Methodist Church

Methodism in Menston dates back to 1744. The first Methodist Society numbered 12 and by 1819 had risen to 20. In 1826 the first Chapel was built at Lane Ends when the population of Menston was less than 300. This building still exists - adjacent to the present Church.

The Sunday School (now occupied by Waites Joiners) was a Sunday and Day School in 1830. For 70 years it was also the village Community Hall.

In the 1880s it became evident that larger premises were needed to accommodate the increasing membership and a new Chapel was built in 1886, without an organ, at a cost of £1,700.

The Exley family of High Rhodes (High Royds Hall) and Moor Croft (site of Croft House) promoted Methodism in Menston and donated land in Moor Croft for the first Chapel. They also helped establish the day school in 1830.

Membership at the turn of the century was 71 with 114 school children.

Fundraising began in 1922 for a new Sunday School which was opened in 1933 at a cost of £3,400.

In more recent years significant building development and upgrading of accommodation has facilitated the opening of the Cornerstone community cafe, improved access, and refurbishment of the main hall.

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