

# MENSTON 2025 HERITAGE GROUP

## The Mills in Ellar Ghyll

Although outside the Menston Parish Council boundary, these mills are included for their proximity to Menston.

There was a small string of mills running down this narrow, steep valley formed by the Gill Beck as it tumbles down towards the River Wharfe.

An [1847 map](#) shows four mills in this area. They all had dams, weirs and waterwheels.

To the west of the present road was **Gill Mill** known as **Hargreaves Bobbin Mill**. Owned at one time by Jonathan Peate (founder of Nunroyd Mills in Guiseley).

Opposite in the Ghyll is a spinning mill owned by Moons of Guiseley.

Further down was the **New Mill** doing scribbling

At the end of the Ghyll towards Otley was Low Mill or **Derry Diddle Mill** for wool spinning and scribbling.

When the mills closed the works were transferred to Guiseley. Mr Ayscough Fawkes had decreed there should be no industry on the Menston Estate.

## References

<https://yorkshire.u08.eu/otley/>. Map and aerial photos of mill sites

Jack Kell 2014. Menston Remembered. Memories of a Yorkshire Village.

Page 103 shows sketch map of mill locations.