

# Borders Between: Bardsley

## A Source Guide to Archives



Bardsley Cricket Club 1930

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## **A brief history of Bardsley's boundaries**

Bardsley has historically always been a part of the county of Lancashire. It was originally within the Knott Lanes division of the parish of Ashton-under-Lyne.

Worrall's Directory of Oldham and surrounding districts of 1871 describes the area as follows:

"Bardsley is a large village and ecclesiastical district, situate about half way between Ashton and Oldham. The inhabitants, which number about 600, are chiefly employed in the extensive coal mines, cotton mills and iron works in the neighbourhood. The church of Holy Trinity was erected in 1844, at a cost of about £2,500. ... There are excellent schools in connection with the Church, erected in 1846 at a cost of about £2,000."

### **Ecclesiastical Boundaries:**

The ecclesiastical parish of Bardsley was created in 1844 from the Ashton-under-Lyne ancient parish. The parish church, Holy Trinity, was licensed to perform marriages from this date. This parish was part of Manchester rural deanery between 1844-1847 and became part of Ashton-under-Lyne rural deanery from 1847, where it still resides. The parish boundary was altered in 1947, 1965 and 1966.

### **Local Government Boundaries:**

Under the 1894 Local Government Act Bardsley was formed into a civil township within the Limehurst Rural District and was contributing to the poor rates of Ashton-under-Lyne.

In 1947 discussions were underway to enlarge Oldham Borough and as part of this it was deemed that both the Limehurst Rural District and Lees were no longer viable administrative districts.

As a first step towards the alteration of the boundaries the Oldham Extension Act, 1950, gave part of Bardsley, part of Alt and part of Woodhouses to the Township of Oldham to prevent delays to the housing programme underway at the time. The remaining portions of these district formed Alt Parish, Bardsley Parish and Woodhouses Parish still within Limehurst Rural District. (See CBO/30/1/52 Oldham Extension Act 1950 [Oldham] and map of the Borough of Oldham as extended by the Oldham Extension Act 6"1950 [Oldham] for more details.)

The Limehurst District was fully dissolved in 1954 and the remaining portion of Bardsley Parish within Limehurst was added to the Oldham District along with the parishes of Alt and Woodhouses. Of the 1,497 inhabitants of Bardsley in 1954, 1,420 became part of the Oldham Borough with the remainder becoming part of Ashton-under-Lyne. (See County Borough of Oldham boundaries map 6"1953 [Oldham] and County Boundaries of Oldham map 6"1958 [Oldham] for more details.)

In 1974 when the county boroughs were abolished, the area of Bardsley previously in the County Borough of Oldham became part of the new Oldham Metropolitan Borough, whilst that which had previously been in the County Borough of Ashton-under-Lyne became part of Tameside Metropolitan Borough.

**Parliamentary Constituency Boundaries:**

Between 1918-1948, Bardsley was part of the Lancashire Mossley Division Parliamentary Constituency. In 1948, it became part of Ashton-under-Lyne constituency. The parliamentary boundary was altered by Statutory Instrument on 18 July 1951 to reflect the Oldham Extension Act. The portion of Bardsley remaining outside of Oldham continued to be part of the Ashton-under-Lyne constituency until 1955. In 1955 the extension of Oldham borough led to the creation of a new electoral ward, the Bardsley Ward. (See electoral register section for more information.)

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### **Church Records:**

Holy Trinity, Bardsley

Baptisms 1844-1905 **MF** [Oldham & Tameside]  
Baptisms 1844-1930 A-Z Listing (Printed) [Oldham]  
Marriages 1844-1917 **MF** [Oldham & Tameside]  
Marriages 1844-1920 A-Z Listing (Printed) [Oldham]  
Burials 1844-1869 & 1887-1934 **MF** [Tameside]  
Burials 1844-1934 **MF** [Oldham]  
Burials 1844-1934 A-Z Listing (Printed) [Oldham]

RI:FK:RFJ Monumental Inscriptions of Bardsley Parish Church 1987  
[Oldham]

RI:FK:GO Bardsley baptisms, marriages and burials 1594-1720  
extracted from the parish registers of St Michaels Parish  
Church, Ashton-under-Lyne [Oldham]

### **Census:**

1841-1901 Census (see below) **MF** [Oldham & Tameside]

In addition there is access to the census for England and Wales 1841 to 1901  
via Ancestry.com [Oldham & Tameside]

1841

Knott Lanes District

HO 107/533 book 13 folios 12-38 (Enumeration District 8; includes main area  
of Bardsley and terminates at Bardsley Bridge)

HO 107/532 book 6B folios - (Enumeration District 9; includes area around  
Bardsley Brewery)

1851

Sections of the 1851 census for parts of Greater Manchester (including  
Bardsley) were damaged by water during storage and it has therefore not  
been possible to microfilm these sections. The Manchester and Lancashire  
Family History Society have transcribed the legible parts of the returns and  
produced CD Roms of the results which include both a surname/forename  
and street index. 95% of the Ashton-under-Lyne census has been  
successfully transcribed. HO107/2233, Transcription numbers: A168-A178;  
A250-A252; A290-A313; A322-A323. The CD Rom is available at both  
Oldham and Tameside

1861

Knott Lanes District

RG 9/2978 folios 27-52 (Enumeration District 5; includes main area of  
Bardsley)

RG 9/2978 folios 56-88 (Enumeration District 6; includes area around  
Bardsley Brewery)

1871

Knott Lanes District

RG 10/4068 folios 111-134 (Enumeration District 5; includes main area of Bardsley)

RG 10/4068 folios 138-172 (Enumeration District 6; includes area around Bardsley Brewery)

1881

Knott Lanes District

RG 11/4034 folios 122-152 (Enumeration District 5; includes main area of Bardsley)

RG 11/4034 folios 156-194 (Enumeration District 6; includes area around Bardsley Brewery)

1891

Knott Lanes District

RG 12/3274 folios 22-50 (Enumeration District 5; includes main area of Bardsley)

RG 12/3274 folios 54-88 (Enumeration District 6; includes area around Bardsley Brewery)

1901

Knott Lanes District

RG 13/3780 folios 32-52 (Enumeration District 5)

RG 13/3780 folios 57-74 (Enumeration District 6)

### **Registers of Electors:**

For registers of electors pre 1952 enquire at the British Library

St Paul's Ward 1952-1953 (Part only) [Oldham]

Bardsley Ward 1955-1972 [Oldham]

Oldham East 1973-1983 [Oldham]

Oldham Central and Royton 1984-1995 [Oldham]

Oldham West and Royton 1996-2001 [Oldham]

Bardsley is still electorally within Oldham however in 2001 the regulations relating to electoral registers changed. This means that they are no longer available for anyone to freely search. Access can be obtained at Oldham Library where a search can be carried out to check your individual entry only.

### **Trade Directories:**

1832 – Pigot's – Included in Ashton-under-Lyne section [Tameside]

1834 – Pigot's – Included in Ashton-under-Lyne section [Tameside]

1838 – Pigot's – Included in Ashton-under-Lyne section [Tameside]

1841 – Pigot's – Included in Ashton-under-Lyne section [Tameside]

1848 – Slater's – Included in Ashton-under-Lyne section [Tameside]

1851 – Slater's – Included in Ashton-under-Lyne section [Tameside]

1855 – Slater's – Included in Ashton-under-Lyne section [Tameside]

1871 – Worrall's - Included in Ashton-under-Lyne section [Oldham]

1874 – Morris's – Included in Ashton-under-Lyne section [Tameside]

1878 – Morris's – Included in Ashton-under-Lyne section [Tameside]

1884 – Worrall’s - Included in Ashton-under-Lyne section [Oldham]  
 1888-1889 – Worrall’s - Included in Ashton-under-Lyne section [Oldham]  
 1888 – Slater’s – Included in Ashton-under-Lyne section [Tameside]  
 1901 – Kelly’s – Included in Ashton-under-Lyne section [Tameside]  
 1905 – Kelly’s – Included in Ashton-under-Lyne section [Tameside]  
 1957 – Barrett’s [Oldham]  
 1960s – Ashton-under-Lyne Directories [Tameside]  
 1965 – Barrett’s [Oldham]  
 1970s – Ashton-under-Lyne [Tameside]

**Rate Books:**

CA/LIM/516            General Rate Books, including Bardsley, 1927-1954 [Tameside]

CBO/2/6/1/622-852 General Rate Books 1954-1973, see catalogue for specific volume numbers. For the years 1954-1955 to 1962-1963 Bardsley can be found in the rate book titled ‘extension’. 1963-1964 to 1972-1973 rate books arranged alphabetically by street. [Oldham]

CA/LIM/515            Poor Rate Books, including Bardsley, 1914-1927, **MF** [Tameside]

CA/LIM/513            Lighting Rate books, including Bardsley, 1914-1920 [Tameside]

CA/LIM/500/3-4        Bardsley valuation lists, 1916-1929 [Tameside]

CBO/2/6/3/49-68     Valuation Lists 1962-1972 [Oldham]

CA/LIM/543/2         Rate Demand, Bardsley, 1953 [Tameside]

CBO/2/6/2/1-17      Schedule of Properties 1969-1973 [Oldham]

**Bardsley Ordnance Survey Maps:**

Date	Ref:	Scale	Notes
1844-1848	97	1:10,560 6”	Sheet 97 [Oldham]
1844-1848	105	1:10,560 6”	Sheet 105 [Oldham]
1863	105/2	1:2500 25”	Lancashire Sheet CV.2 [Oldham]
1879	97/14	1:2500 25”	Lancashire Sheet XCVII.14 [Oldham]
1881	LXCVII-14	1:2500 25”	Lancashire sheet 97.14 [Tameside]
1885	105/2	1:2500 25”	Lancashire Sheet CV.2 [Oldham]
1891	97/14	1:2500 25”	Lancashire Sheet XCVII.14 [Oldham]
1891	105/2	1:2500 25”	Lancashire Sheet CV.2 [Oldham]
1891	LCV2	1:2500 25”	Lancashire Sheet 105.2 [Tameside]
1906	KF12	1:4340 15”	Lancs. Sheet 97.14 Godfrey Map
1909	97/14	1:2500 25”	Lancashire Sheet XCVII.14 [Oldham]
1909	LXCVII-14	1:2500 25”	Lancashire Sheet 97.14 [Tameside]
1909	LCV2	1:2500 25”	Lancashire Sheet 105.2 [Tameside]
1932	97/14	1:2500 25”	Lancashire Sheet XCVII.14 [Oldham]

1932	105/2	1:2500 25"	Lancashire Sheet CV.2 [Oldham]
1933	LCV2	1:2500 25"	Lancashire Sheet 105.2 [Tameside]
1950s	SD9201	1:2500 25"	[Oldham]
	SD9202	1:2500 25"	[Oldham]
	SD9301	1:2500 25"	[Oldham]
	SD9302	1:2500 25"	[Oldham]
	SD9201	1:1250 50"	SW, NW [Oldham]
	SD9202	1:1250 50"	NE, SE, SW, NW [Oldham]
	SD9301	1:1250 50"	SW, NW [Oldham]
	SD9302	1:1250 50"	NE, SE, SW, NW [Oldham]
1960s	SD9202	1:2500 25"	[Oldham]
	SD0302	1:2500 25"	[Oldham]
	SD9202	1:1250 50"	NE, SE, NW [Oldham]
	SD9302	1:1250 50"	NE, SW, NW [Oldham]
1970s	SD9201	1:2500 25"	[Oldham]
	SD9202	1:1250 50"	SW [Oldham]
	SD9302	1:1250 50"	NW [Oldham]
1980s	SD9201	1:2500 25"	[Oldham]
	SD9202	1:2500 25"	[Oldham]
	SD9301	1:2500 25"	[Oldham]
	SD9302	1:2500 25"	[Oldham]
	SD9202	1:1250 50"	NE, SE, SW, NW [Oldham]
	SD9301	1:1250 50"	NW [Oldham]
	SD9302	1:1250 50"	NE, SE, SW, NW [Oldham]
	SD9201	1:2500 25"	[Oldham]
1990s	SD9201	1:1250 50"	NE [Oldham]
	SD9202	1:1250 50"	NE, SE, SW, NW [Oldham]
	SD9301	1:1250 50"	SW [Oldham]
	SD9302	1:1250 50"	NE, SE, SW, NW [Oldham]
	SD9201	1:2500 25"	[Oldham]
2000s	SD9202	1:2500 25"	[Oldham]
	SD9301	1:2500 25"	[Oldham]
	SD9302	1:2500 25"	[Oldham]
	SD9201	1:1250 50"	SE, SW, NW [Oldham]
	SD9202	1:1250 50"	NE, SE, SW, NW [Oldham]
	SD9301	1:1250 50"	NE, SW, NW [Oldham]
	SD9302	1:1250 50"	NE, SE, SW, NW [Oldham]

**Other Maps:**

PR/ASH/3	Book of plans and description of the boundary between the parish of Ashton-under-Lyne and the surrounding townships, Apr 1857 (on loan from Ashton Parish Church) [Tameside]
CA/ASH/700/1	Map of Ashton electoral wards, n.d. [Tameside]
CA/ASH/700/3	6" OS Map provisional edition showing the borough and proposed boundary alterations, 1938 [Tameside]

CA/ASH/700/4      Map by Borough surveyor indicating land in Limehurst  
RDC considered suitable for residential development,  
Sep 1950 [Tameside]

Map of the Borough of Oldham as extended by the Oldham Extension Act, 6",  
1950 [Oldham]

County Borough of Oldham Boundaries Map, 6", 1953 [Oldham]

County Boundaries of Oldham, 6", 1958 [Oldham]

### **Newspapers:**

These papers will include news stories from the local area, the wider Greater Manchester area and nationally. Therefore within the newspapers held there is likely to be news reported from Bardsley, as a rule of thumb the earlier the date the more significant the event will need to have been to be included.

Ashton Times and Oldham Visitor, Mar 1851-Jan 1853, **MF** [Tameside]

Ashton Reporter, 1855-1978, **MF** [Tameside]

Ashton Standard, 1858-1885, **MF** [Tameside]

Ashton News, 1868-1874, **MF** [Tameside]

Ashton Guardian, 27 Jan 1877-12 Oct 1878, **MF** [Tameside]

Ashton Herald, 1887-1936, **MF** [Tameside]

Ashton Sentinel, Oct 1911-Aug 1912, **MF** [Tameside]

Oldham Chronicle, 1854-present, **MF** [Oldham]

Illustrated Oldham Journal, 21 Oct 1854-24 Feb 1855, **MF** [Oldham]

Illustrated Oldham Herald, Jun-Aug 1855, **MF** [Oldham]

Oldham Advertiser, 13 Dec 1856-7 May 1859, **MF** [Oldham]

Oldham Standard, 1859-1946, **MF** [Oldham]

Illustrated Oldham Telegraph, 5 Mar-5 Nov 1859, **MF** [Oldham]

Oldham Evening Express, 1868-1890, **MF** [Oldham]

Oldham Ensign and Standard, 24 Jul 1868, **MF** [Oldham]

Oldham Liberal Elector, 26 Sep-14 Nov 1868, **MF** [Oldham]

Oldham Daily Advertiser, 18 Oct 1889-Dec 1890, **MF** [Oldham]

Oldham Mirror, Sep 1954-Jan 1955, **MF** [Oldham]

Newspaper cuttings collection taken from the local newspapers, cuttings relating to Bardsley from c.1933 onwards, index available. [Oldham]

### **Photographs:**

Photographs relating to Bardsley are held as part of Oldham Local Studies and Archives photographic collection. Please enquire at Oldham Local Studies and Archives for details.

Photographs of Bardsley are held as part of the Tameside On-line Image Archive. See <http://www.tameside.gov.uk/history> for the image archive.



**Ecclesiastical Archives:**

- Acc 2005/114 Bardsley Parish Council Minute Book 1849-1919 [Oldham]
- CBO/29/1/1-4 Bardsley Parish Council Minute Books 1919-1954 [Oldham]
- B-S36 Bardsley Church of England School 1901-1960 [Oldham]
- D-SJRS/7 Plans of Bardsley Holy Trinity Schools new water closet 1929 [Oldham]

**Local Authority Archives:**

- CA/ASH/115/1-18 Parliamentary and Town Development Committee Minutes, 1940-1974 [Tameside]
- CA/ASH/133/1-18 Papers relating to establishment alterations of authority, 1909-1968 [Tameside]
- CA/ASH/297/1-117 Ashton Corporation Handbooks, 1856-1974 [Tameside]
- CA/LIM/302/2 Financial Statements 1941 [Tameside]
- CBO/1/1/42-52 Oldham Council Minutes 1944-1974 (Minutes 1974 to present day please enquire) [Oldham]
- CBO/30/1/52 Oldham Extension Act 1950 [Oldham]
- KLF Oldham Borough Council Handbooks 1882-1973 [Oldham]
- KLF Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council Handbooks 1974-2000 [Oldham]
- MF:FK County Borough of Oldham Architect and Planning Officers report into Bardsley Village Dec 1967 [Oldham]
- SF:FH:FK Oldham Metropolitan Borough 1991 census: number 17 Saint Paul's ward including Bardsley 1995 [Oldham]

**Business Archives:**

- DD367 Kerfoot's Pharmaceuticals including newspaper cuttings re adverts for products, blueprints and architectural buildings, company publications including Kerfoot's Quarterly, photographs and illustrations. c.1900-1991 [Tameside]
- DD156/4 Photocopy of part of a report giving details of sections of strata at Bardsley Pit n.d. [Tameside]

**Bibliography:**

- EF 53                   Bygone Ashton-under-Lyne [Oldham]
- E                        Various Lancashire County Histories including Baines History [Oldham]
- L663                    Local brew: a history of the three breweries of Ashton-under-Lyne by Barry Sullivan, Holmeprint, 1988. Includes history of Shaw and Bentley, brewers at Bardsley Brewery. [Tameside]
- L907                    Five Thousand Acres of Old Ashton: the History of the Limehurst Rural District by Winifred M. Bowman. [Tameside]
- L907                    History of Ashton-under-Lyne by James Butterworth [Tameside]
- MIF:EP                 Country Houses of Greater Manchester by Greater Manchester Archaeological Unit. Pg 120 Bardsley House, Bardsley. [Oldham]