A decorative banner with a black background and white border, featuring intricate floral and scrollwork patterns. The word "BOLSOVER" is written in large, white, serif capital letters across the center of the banner.

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BOLSOVER BUCKLES.

Their Majesties, King George V. and Queen Mary, visited the district on 25th June, 1914, on their tour of North and Derbyshire.

Many interesting references to old-time life at Bolsover are to be found in Ford's history of Chesterfield, Bolsover and district (1839), from which the following notes are extracted.

Bolsover was formerly celebrated for its manufacture of buckles and the Bolsover buckle was as widely known as the Banbury cake or Sheffield knives. The buckles were made of the best malleable iron and the exterior surface was then converted into steel by a certain process in which burnt bones and ashes made from the leather of old shoes was generally used. As the internal part of the buckle was still iron it could not be easily broken; but the outer surface being of steel was capable of a brilliant polish. The test of the fine temper of these buckles—a test still in use in Ford's time (1839)—was for the wheel of a loaded cart to pass over the buckle, which, if up to the normal standard, would not suffer from this experience, so we are told.

The old buckle industry has long since passed away, and with the exception of the manufacture of tobacco pipes, agriculture was the only local industry down to comparatively recent times, when coal-mining developments introduced a new element into the life of the district.

The Manor of Bolsover, which had belonged to a Saxon named Leuric, was at the time of the Domesday Survey held by Robert under William Peverel on whom it had been conferred by William the Conqueror, but no castle is mentioned in that record. It is probable that the first castle was erected by this William Peverel, but of that ancient fortress no vestige remains.

Bolsover Park, which was enclosed in the year 1200 has long ago been converted into tillage. The Manor of Glapwell, was held in conjunction with that of Bolsover at the time of the Domesday Survey. Oxcroft, another local estate, which had belonged to the Peverels, was in the reign of Henry the Third owned by the Heriz family. Later on it was held by the Rhodes family, from whom it was purchased about 1599 by the Countess of Shrewsbury, and it passed with the famous Hardwick and other estates to the Duke of Devonshire.

BOLSOVER'S CENTRAL SITUATION

MOTOR-BUS SERVICES.

Bolsover is conveniently served by W. T. Underwood Ltd. motor-buses, which connect it up with the neighbouring country districts and large towns, including Chesterfield, Mansfield, Worksop, Sheffield, Rotherham and Doncaster. The route is also projected as far as Retford and Newark.

The daily service between Bolsover and Mansfield runs every 1½ hours (Saturdays, every ½ hour), the journey taking approximately 45 minutes.

Season tickets are issued for periods of 1, 2, 3, 6, or 12 months, and reduced fares are obtainable for school children.

Special services are run in connection with public events of particular interest, such as Nottingham races, Mansfield Shopping Week, etc.

Parcels are carried at low rates, the agent in Bolsover being Mr. J. Eyre, The Market Place.

The Chesterfield Corporation run a frequent daily service from the Market Place, Bolsover, to Chesterfield.

DISTANCES FROM LARGE TOWNS.

Bolsover's central situation in regard to other parts of England is not only an advantage in the way of easy accessibility to those who desire to visit the town, but is also a factor of great importance in regard to commercial development here. The following list of distances from Bolsover to large towns or important railway and road centres drives the point home:—Sheffield, 16 miles; Derby, 29; Nottingham, 23; Newark, 28; Lincoln, 44; Doncaster, 38; Barnsley, 30; Leeds, 50; Bradford, 55; Chesterfield, 6; Mansfield, 7.

BOLSOVER CASTLE.

History. Bolsover Castle occupies a striking position on a lofty ridge nearly 600 feet above sea-level, commanding sweeping views of the surrounding country, and forms an interesting and picturesque landmark.

BOLSOVER CASTLE.

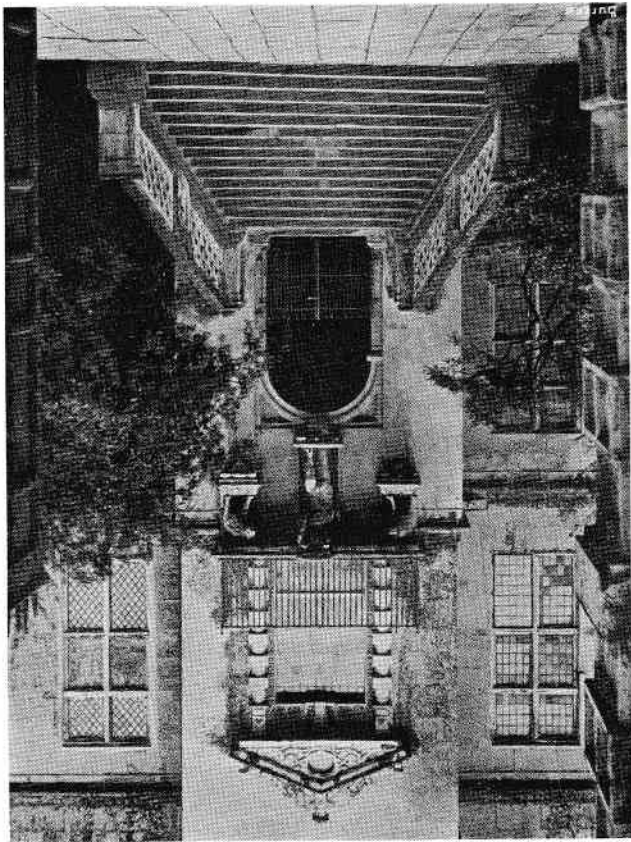
The original castle was evidently Norman, but as no mention is made of it in Domesday Book its erection must have been subsequent to 1086. At this period the manor of "Belesovre" was held by William Peverel, the founder of the Parish Church, and it is likely that this man was connected with the building of the Castle. During the wars of Stephen, however, Peverel was discredited and his lands, including Bolsover Castle, were confiscated by the Crown.

During the next two or three centuries it changed hands many times passing ultimately into the possession of Sir Charles Cavendish, the son of that illustrious and romantic lady "Bess of Hardwick." Like his mother, Charles Cavendish was a keen builder, and immediately set to work to rebuild the Castle, which was in a ruinous condition. His architect was John Smithson, who also designed parts of Welbeck.

The building as it now stands is largely the result of this rebuilding, although in general plan it retains the old Norman formation, which is also seen in the thickness of the walls and general proportions of the lower part of the building. The Early English archway which connects the castle itself to the outer wall is the survival of an earlier structure, as are also two curious tombstones in the west wall.

Sir Charles Cavendish died in 1617, and is commemorated by an interesting monument in the Cavendish Chapel of the Parish Church. His son, William Cavendish, who became Duke of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, who was known as the "Loyal" or the "Horsemanship" Duke, carried on the work of restoration. He constructed the Riding School, the terrace buildings and the fountain, and also effected a number of interior improvements. John Smithson was again employed on this work, in conjunction with his son, Huntingdon Smithson, whose initials can be seen carved on stones on the west side of the building and dated 1629. A number of other initials are presumably those of masons employed on the work.

In July, 1634, Bolsover Castle attained the height of its glory as a residence, when the Duke of Newcastle entertained King Charles I. and Queen Henrietta Maria in the most sumptuous and lavish manner possible, more than £14,000 being spent in connection



DOORWAY, BOLSOVER CASTLE.

R. Sneath, Photo.

BOLSOVER CASTLE.

with the visit. Ben Jonson wrote a masque called "Love's Welcome" for the occasion. Clarendon described it as a "stupendous entertainment, which (God be thanked) though possibly it might too much whet the appetite of others to excess, no man ever after in those days imitated."

Then the Civil War broke out, and Newcastle was made Captain-General of all the forces in the North. At first he met with some success, but after the disastrous battle of Marston Moor, in which though defeated he "behaved like an honest man, a gentleman and a loyal subject," he fled to the Continent where he remained in exile for 16 years.

Shortly after this the Castle of Bolsover surrendered ingloriously to the Parliamentarian Army. To avoid the expense of keeping a garrison the Council of State decreed that it should henceforth become virtually a private residence, and that all defences, outer walls, strong doors, etc., should be pulled down. It was therefore sold to one Robert Thorpe, lord of the manor of Bolsover, who set about his task of pulling the place to bits with such zeal that Charles Cavendish, the younger brother of the Loyal Duke, quickly bought it back, though at a very advanced price, to save it from total demolition.

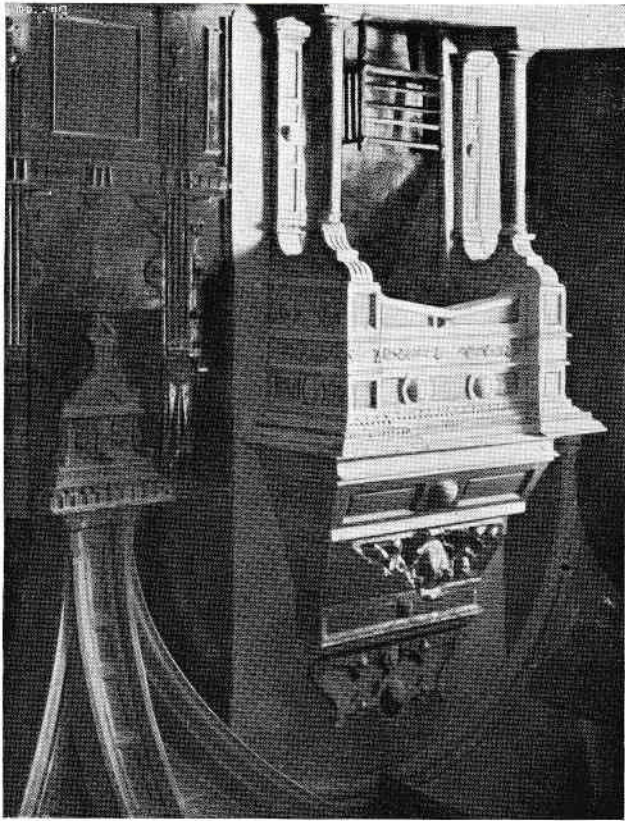
At the Restoration, the Duke of Newcastle returned to find the Castle "half pull'd down," but he did a good deal towards restoring and rebuilding it. When he died he was succeeded by his son Henry Cavendish through whom the Castle passed into the Bentinck family, who still hold it.

WHAT TO SEE IN THE CASTLE TO-DAY.

The Bailey Wall, a Norman fortification once battlemented.
The Keep, a large building containing about 30 apartments. The main entrance is particularly impressive being surmounted by a figure of Hercules supporting a balcony and the Cavendish coat-of-arms. Many of the rooms are beautifully panelled and decorated, the fireplaces especially being very handsome. From the middle of the roof, which is of oak covered with lead, rises the domed Lantern, above the octagonal landing from which the bedrooms open.

MARBLE FIREPLACE, DRAWING ROOM, BOLSOVER CASTLE.

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BOLSOVER CASTLE.

On the ground floor the chief rooms are: **The Ante-Room**, containing curious frescoes; **The Dining Room**, panelled in oak, with frescoes representing the labours of Hercules; **The Pillar, or Drawing Room**, panelled and richly painted, and containing an especially noteworthy fireplace.

On the first floor are: **The Star Chamber**, containing mural paintings of a number of subjects, mainly religious, carved oak panels, and a blue star-spangled ceiling. The twelve pictures of Roman emperors and empresses were brought from Welbeck during the 18th century. **The Marble Closet**, built by Sir Charles Cavendish, containing pictures of nymphs and cherubs; **The Elysium Room**, containing a painted ceiling and frieze representing mythological gods and goddesses; **The Heaven Room**, similarly decorated to the Elysium Room, the symbolism being Christian instead of pagan; **The Nursery**, in which nine holes in the floor suggest that children used here to play the ancient game of "nine-holes."

In the Bailey Court is: **The Fountain**, surmounted by a statue of Venus. Originally more elaborate, it had figures of satyrs and griffins about the base, and niches round the deep octagonal reservoir contained busts of Roman emperors.

The Riding School is a picturesque structure adjoining the stables. **The Buildings on the Terrace**, evidently intended as a suite of State apartments. They were intended to contain a large number of interesting portraits.

An attendant resides in a portion of the Riding School, and will show visitors round the Castle. A Guide Book to the Castle, edited by the Duke of Portland's Librarian, from which much of our information is gleaned, may be had on application to the attendant.

BOLSOVER PARISH CHURCH.

The Parish Church of SS. Mary and Lawrence was originally a Norman structure, founded about 1020 by William Peverel. Little remains of the original building except

THE PARISH CHURCH.

the piers of the chancel arch and a doorway and window in the south chancel wall. There is, however, an interesting tympanum over the south door representing "The Crucifixion," with figures of St. Mary and St. John, thought to be pre-Norman work. The Tower and North Porch are Early English.

The earliest recorded mention of the church is in the reign of Henry II., when it was granted by the second William Peverel to the Abbey of Darley. About the beginning of the 13th century it was partly re-built.

An interesting feature is a stone slab in the south aisle, thought to be an early representation of the "Adoration of the Magi." It was found in 1704 doing service as a step to the north entrance to the church. The carving is rudely executed and bears traces of colour. The slab probably served as a retidos in the first Norman church. The church has been several times restored, most thoroughly in the year 1878, when the galleries were removed, the north aisle and organ chamber added, and other interior improvements carried out. In January, 1897, however, it was practically destroyed by a fire which broke out in the vestry in the early hours of the morning. Only the Cavendish Chapel and the tower escaped the general destruction. But it was quickly re-built and has since been frequently adorned by gifts and memorials.

The interest of Bolsover Parish Church as a building was substantially increased by the decision made in November, 1923, to remove the interior walls of the **Cavendish Chapel**, which had previously shut off this portion of the building from the general body of the church.

This Chapel was built in 1618, and contains two magnificent monuments, one to Sir Charles Cavendish, who died in 1617, and his wife, Baroness Ogle, and the other to Henry Cavendish, second Duke of Newcastle, whose death occurred in 1691. The latter monument is of Corinthian design in Italian marble. Four massive columns,

THE CAVENDISH CHAPEL.

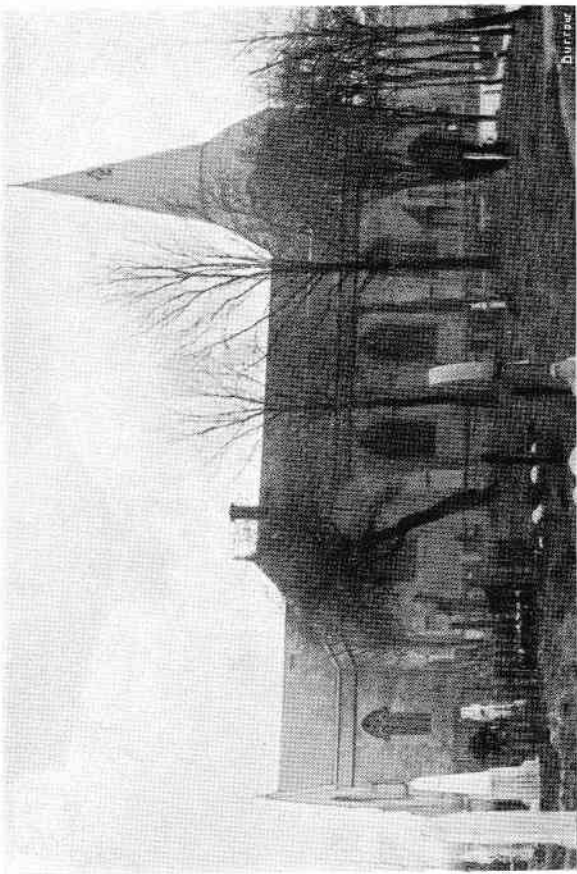
support a pediment, with two life-size figures representing Fame and History. Resting on the base is a beautiful black marble sarcophagus. The monument is said to have cost £16,000. On the other monument is the effigy of Sir Charles Cavendish in alabaster. The figure is surmounted by a highly enriched Grecian canopy of white marble, supported by lofty Corinthian columns. Also reposing on an altar tomb is the effigy of Baroness Ogle, while below are the effigies of their three sons. At the time of writing the Contractors have commenced work on opening the Chapel.

In the churchyard is a watchmaker's gravestone bearing a very quaint inscription. **Other Places of Worship.** In the surrounding parts of the Urban District are a number of daughter churches connected with the Parish Church of Bolsover. These include: St. Lawrence, Shuttlewood; St. Winifred, New Bolsover; St. Peter, Stanfree; St. Mary, Whaley; St. Luke, Whaley Thorns. The last became in 1924 a separate parish. The church was consecrated in 1878, and its enlargement and improvement is contemplated.

The Roman Catholic Chapel is situated in High Street and is served from St. George's Catholic Church at Shirebrook. Services: Sundays 9.30 a.m., except the first Sunday in the month, when it is at 11 a.m. (No regular evening or week-day services).

The Congregationalist Chapel is in Castle Street. (Sunday Services 10.30 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Sunday School 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.) A Mission is run in connection with this church at Carr Vale. (Sunday Services, 6 p.m.)

The Primitive Methodists have three chapels in the district, one in Welbeck Road (Sunday services, 10.30 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Sunday Schools, 9.45 a.m. and 2 p.m.), one in Charlesworth Street, Carr Vale (Sunday Services, 10.45 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Sunday Schools, 9.45 a.m. and 2 p.m.), and the Bannister Memorial Chapel, Shuttlewood. It is interesting to note that the present offices of the Urban District Council was at one



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THE PARISH CHURCH.

A LINK WITH THE CIVIL WAR.

time the Primitive Methodist Chapel. The development of this body locally has been largely influenced by the opening and expansion of the Bolsover Colliery, its membership being very largely recruited from the colliery workers, and its success is due to their loyal and generous support.

There is a Wesleyan Methodist Chapel at Hill Top, Bolsover, and at New Bolsover. (Services : Sundays, 10.30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday Schools, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.) ;

Congregationalism in Bolsover. The history of Congregationalism in Bolsover dates back to the time of the Civil War when the Castle was captured and garrisoned by some of Cromwell's troops. These men settled in the town, bringing their Puritan religion with them, and starting a small church of their own. After the passing of the Act of Uniformity and the Five Mile Act, services were secretly carried on in the chapel during the night and early hours of the morning, until the revolution of 1688 when everyone was once more free to worship as he pleased.

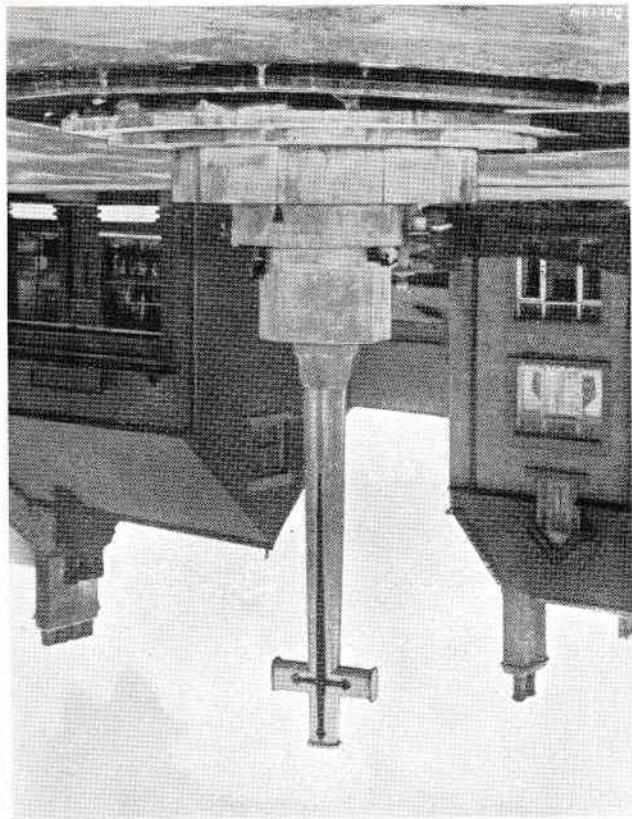
The church continued with varying fortunes, often being helped by students from Rotherham College during the periods when no one came forward to fill the vacant pastorate.

But with the increase of population in Bolsover towards the end of the 19th century things began to look brighter for the Congregationalist body and a new chapel was opened in 1893.

It is interesting to note that Thomas Secker—afterwards Archbishop of Canterbury—was an applicant for the pastorate of this church, but was unsuccessful.

THE WAR MEMORIAL.

Bolsover's memorial to her sons who fell in the Great War was unveiled on New Year's Day, 1921, by Mr. C. A. Cochrane, Chairman of the Bolsover Colliery Co. Ltd., who mentioned in his speech that no fewer than 993 Bolsover men served in the various branches of the forces, and that 172 laid down their lives for their country.



RECREATION GROUNDS.

The memorial was designed by Sir Reginald Blomfield, M.A., R.A., and takes the form of a replica of the Imperial War Cross now being set up by the Imperial War Graves Commission in all military cemeteries connected with the Great War. The memorial which was provided by public subscription is situate in the Market Place.

LOCAL ADMINISTRATION.

Bolsover is governed by an Urban District Council of twelve members, representing the four wards of the town—North, South, East and West. North Ward is known as Stanfree and Shuttlewood; South Ward as Old Bolsover; East Ward as Whaley and Whaley Thorns; and West Ward as New Bolsover and Carr Vale.

The property which this body owns includes the **Hornscroft Recreation Ground**, in Hornscroft Road (or Church Lane), a ground of rather more than 7 acres, presented to the town by the Duke of Portland on the occasion of the coming of age of his son. An ancient Roman entrenchment crosses this land, extending as far as Longlands.

In March, 1923, the Council purchased from the Duke of Portland the ground known as **Lord's Close**, which adjoins New Station Road. It is about 15 acres in extent, and is to be used as a Public Recreation and Pleasure Ground.

The Council Board Room and Offices are in Cotton Street. An office for the Clerk to the Council was added in October, 1923. The Highway Department is in Church Street and consists of stables, two cottages for horseman and Foreman, Fire Brigade Station, Ambulance, Steam Roller Shed. Certain property in Town End was acquired for street widening purposes.

The list of Council Officials is as follows: Clerk and Accountant to the Council, Mr. T. B. Kenyon; Surveyor and Water Engineer, Mr. Sydney Hotten; Sanitary Inspector and Cleansing Supt., Mr. Walter Ellis; Medical Officer of Health, Dr. W. Stratton; Rate Collector and Assistant Overseer, Mr. W. Scorer; Treasurer, Mr. C. J. Howson, J.P. (Westminster Bank).

THE COUNCIL HOUSING SCHEME.

There are seven schools within the District. The nearest Secondary Schools are at Netherthorpe, Staveley and Chesterfield.

The **Sewage** of various parts of the district is treated and disposed of at six Outfall Works. Now that the Council own the Water Works, sanitary progress will continue more rapidly.

The Council have recently entered into arrangements with two adjoining districts for a joint **Sewerage** Scheme on modern lines for the Whaley Thorns portion of their district, and it is hoped that in the near future work will be commenced. A modern **public convenience** is provided at the junction of Station Road and Hill Top.

The Council have recently purchased a **Steam Disinfecting Plant**, and a Station has been fitted up, and a **Ford Van** provided for conveying articles to the Disinfectory.

Several acres of land have been acquired and let for **allotments** in Moorfield Lane (88 plots); Oxcroft Lane (221 plots); Shuttlewood (54 plots); Bentinck Road (152 plots) and plots let to the Carr Vale and Whaley Allotment Associations.

The Council acquired land in Moorfield Lane for their **Housing Scheme** and plans were prepared for 138 houses—**46 houses** and one **Army Hut** have been erected and the Council proposes to erect a further 92 houses thereon.

POLICE.

The Police are under the control of the Derbyshire Standing Joint Committee. The Police Station is situate in Station Road and Hill Top.

PUBLIC BATHS.

The Bolsover Area Miners' Welfare Committee have offered to erect and equip at their own cost a building fitted with swimming and slipper baths in the district, and the Urban District Council to manage and maintain the baths when complete. The site in Castle Lane, containing 2,898 sq. yds. has been presented by the Duke of Portland. The plans have been approved by the Council and provide for a Swimming

PUBLIC BATHS.

Bath, 29 ft. by 53 ft. (with cubicles), Men's and Ladies' Slipper Baths, Shower Baths, Office, Waiting Room and House for Caretaker. A moveable floor is provided for so that the Baths may be used in winter time as a Public Hall, etc.

The total cost is estimated to be about £6,000. The Bolsover Colliery Co. Ltd. have undertaken to accept liability for damage (if any) by subsidence owing to Colliery Workings. The Contractors have at the time of the issue of this handbook commenced work on the site.

WATER SUPPLY.

On the 1st July, 1923, the Council took over the management of the Water Works, having purchased them from the Bolsover and District Water Company Ltd.

The works are situated on a site adjacent to the south side of the London and North Eastern (Great Central) Railway, near Bolsover Station, where they intercept and utilise the water released by the cutting of the Tunnel. The site covers about 6 acres. The water is derived from the works of the Railway Company in carrying the railway through the Water Shed, dividing the Doe Lea from the River Poulter.

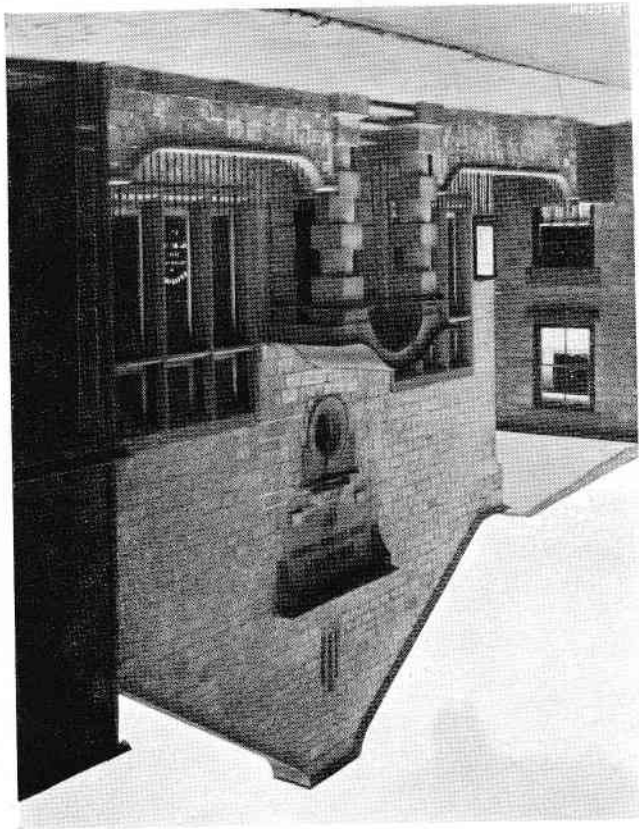
The natural water is hard and difficult to soften, although chemically pure and bacteriologically pure after softening.

Since the Council took over the Works, they have devoted their attention to increasing the supply of water. The Reservoir has been enlarged and a well has been sunk which has so far given satisfactory results, and by efficient treatment the hardness has been reduced.

The report of the County Analyst on a sample recently taken from the well, showed that the water is of satisfactory quality for drinking purposes.

NEWSPAPER.

The local newspaper is "The Derbyshire Times" (East Edition), which is published each Friday for Saturday (eight editions).



GAS SUPPLY.

Gas is supplied in the district by the Bolsover Gas-Light & Coke Company Ltd., under the powers conferred upon them by the Bolsover Gas Lighting Order, 1894.

The works are situated in the district close to the offices and works of the Bolsover Colliery Co., at New Bolsover.

POST OFFICES.

Bolsover : Sub-Postmaster, Mr. G. Haynes ; Carr Vale : Sub-Postmaster, Mr. J. E. Esland ; Shuttlewood : Sub-Postmaster, Mr. J. W. Wastnag ; Stanfree : Sub-Postmaster, Mr. T. Rodda.

INDOOR RECREATION AND AMUSEMENTS.

Bolsover is particularly well equipped with public halls and other buildings in which concerts, whist drives and dances, lectures and other events can be held, and the social life of the town is keen, varied and well organised. The Bolsover Colliery Club at New Bolsover has already been referred to, and the Bolsover Working Men's Club is situated in Welbeck Road.

The large hall at Bolsover Colliery School will hold 800 people and has a gallery and stage and is used for public entertainments. There is a hall at Whaley Thorns used for meetings, lectures and other events in connection with St. Luke's Church. The Bolsover Church Institute, situated in High Street, has for many years played a useful part in the social and recreative life of the town.

There is also the Oxcroft Colliery Institute and the Church Hall (Hornscroft Road). The Central Hall Cinema Theatre, Carr Vale, was erected in 1909 and the best of the world's films are to be seen at this cosy place of entertainment (see page 32).

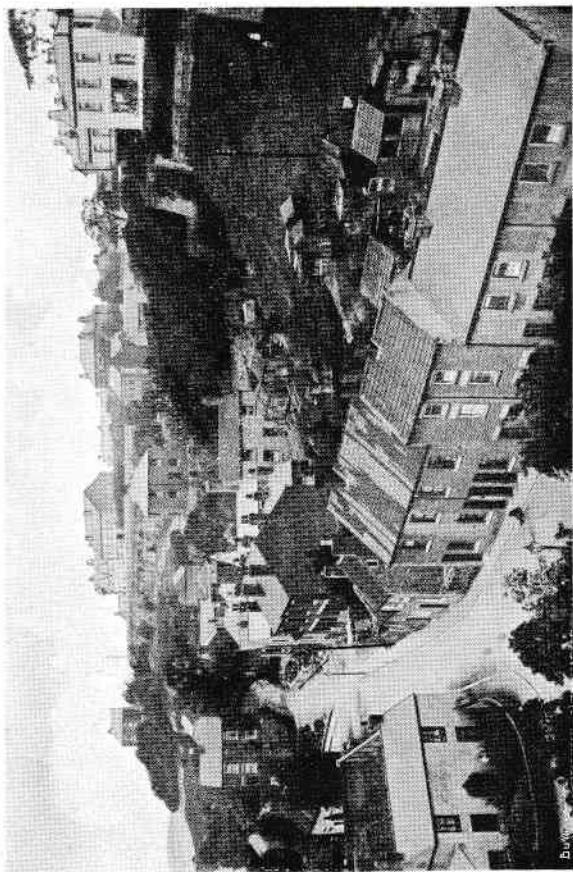
There is another cinema theatre here—the Picture Palace in Old Bolsover.

OUTDOOR SPORTS CLUBS.

Bowls. Bolsover Castle ; Carr Vale ; Bolsover Colliery Institute ; Langwith.

Golf. The nearest course is that of the Chesterfield G.C. (18 holes).

Tennis. Bolsover Town Tennis Club, Oxcroft Lane ; and Bolsover Castle Tennis Club (in Castle Grounds).



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Craggs Road, Bolsover.

THE MODEL VILLAGE.

NEW BOLSOVER.

Sinking operations at Bolsover Colliery were commenced in 1890, coal being reached at a depth of about 360 yards. Work has been found almost continuously for over 30 years for a large number of men and boys, the coal being of very good quality and readily finding a sale in the open market. To accommodate its workmen, the Colliery Company erected what has been known as "The Model Village," or more correctly, **New Bolsover**, consisting of a square with 196 houses.

Several features distinguish **New Bolsover**—such as the Workmen's Institute, Bowling Green, the well arranged School, with its magnificent central hall, and the Square, which has a westerly aspect and furnishes an interesting playground for the children. The Day School premises are undoubtedly among the finest in the country, while the large central hall will easily accommodate an audience of 800 people.

The fine Bowling Green is greatly appreciated by lovers of the game. It is connected with the Workmen's Institute, and is often the venue of many social events and enterprises connected with the life and welfare of the village.

Cricket has always been a strong feature, and the well laid out ground has witnessed some of the best exhibitions of the game between amateurs to be found in the country. Years ago, under the Captaincy of Mr. J. P. Houfton, who was then General Manager of the Company, the team won the Derbyshire League three years in succession, a feat not to be lightly esteemed in view of the splendid prowess of other competing teams in that League. Football, during the winter months, is also greatly in evidence.

Allotment gardens are also part of the lighter side of the workmen's life, and a considerable acreage is under cultivation, while among those interested in their gardens are some of the keenest and most enthusiastic men to be found anywhere.

The **Bainbridge Hall**, originally built for an Orphanage, has latterly become the headquarters of the Boys' Brigade. There are Companies of both Boys' and Girls' Brigades, well officered, well equipped, and on parade they present a very smart appearance.

NEW BOLSOVER.

The religious life of the community is not neglected, there being St. Winifred's Mission, Church of England; **New Bolsover**; Wesleyans, Congregationalists, and Primitive Methodists.

There is also one of the most efficient Ambulance Corps composed of workmen employed at the Colliery who have rendered splendid First Aid service on many occasions as well as given a good account of themselves in competitions which they have entered.

The later news in regard to the **Bolsover Company** is that in connection with the sinking of the Deeper Mines, splendid seams of coal have been found which no doubt will be worked in the course of time, thus lengthening the life of the pit and providing for the prosperity and contentment of the village for many years to come.

STANFREE AND SHUTTLEWOOD.

Stanfree and **Shuttlewood**, two adjoining villages, pleasantly situated north of **Bolsover**, comprise the North Ward of the **Bolsover Urban District**.

Stanfree is noted for fruit growing and in the spring when the trees are in bloom, a lovely sight presents itself from the hill on the east side.

Much of the natural beauty of this district has been marred by the development of its mineral wealth by the late Sir Arthur Markham.

Shuttlewood was formerly noted for its Spa, the old bath of which was of Roman construction, but unfortunately through mining operations the spring is now dry.

Two recreations grounds, one situated in **Stanfree** comprising about four acres, and the other at **Shuttlewood** comprising about six acres have been equipped and given to the village by the **Stanfree and Shuttlewood Miners' Welfare Committee**.

A new Council School is about to be erected opposite the **Shuttlewood Recreation Ground**.

A FASCINATING DISTRICT. EXCURSIONS FROM BOLSOVER.

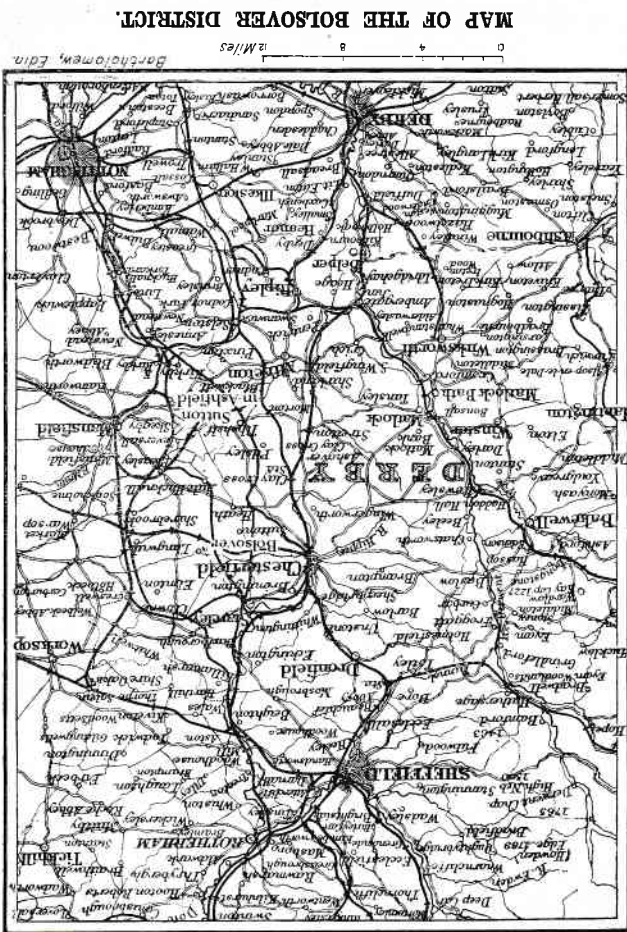
Bolsover is set in an intensely interesting part of England—interesting both on picturesque and historical grounds. Chesterfield, six miles to the west, is, of course, famous all over the world for its crooked spire. This remarkable feature is, perhaps, one which may not always distinguish the town, for it has been considered unsafe and the possibility has arisen that it may have to be demolished. Chesterfield is a half-way house between Bolsover and the delightful dale country of North Derbyshire in which lie the ducal mansion of Chatsworth, the romantic shell of Haddon Hall, and the picturesque old town of Bakewell, standing on the river Wye, which is one of the many trout streams rippling over the stones of the Derbyshire valleys which are found equally attractive to those in search of scenery or sport. The places just mentioned are about twenty miles from Bolsover and are reached by good roads across the hilly country which lies beyond Chesterfield. In the same direction but rather more to the south, is the charming little Spa of Matlock, also about twenty miles from Bolsover.

To the east, however, a very different type of country presents itself. The Dukeries stretch almost to Bolsover and beyond this splendid expanse of woodland, with its frequent great mansions and beautiful lakes, the land falls away into the level valley of the Trent, this type of landscape passing across North Nottinghamshire into the low-lying Lincolnshire country.

The county town of Derby, 29 miles from Bolsover, is a splendid specimen of an English provincial city, with up-to-date shops and entertainments and having also an Art Gallery and other points of artistic interest.

Nottingham, which may be considered in some respects the twin city of Derby, is perhaps the most pleasant and attractive of the Midland cities, and in its Castle, finely set on high ground offering grand views, is a rich art collection worth travelling far to see.

Through either Chesterfield or Sheffield the fascinating Peak District can be easily reached, while to the north stretch the moorlands of the West Riding.



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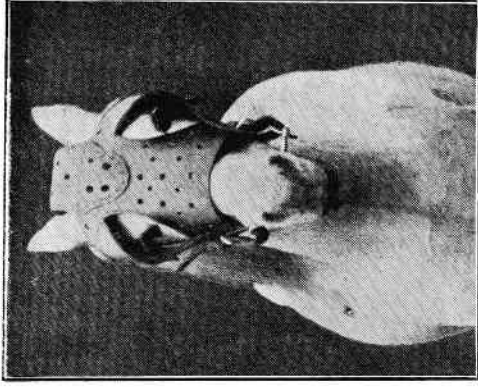
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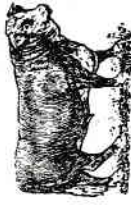
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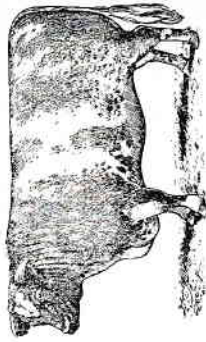
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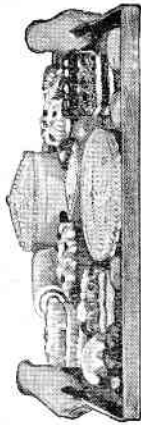
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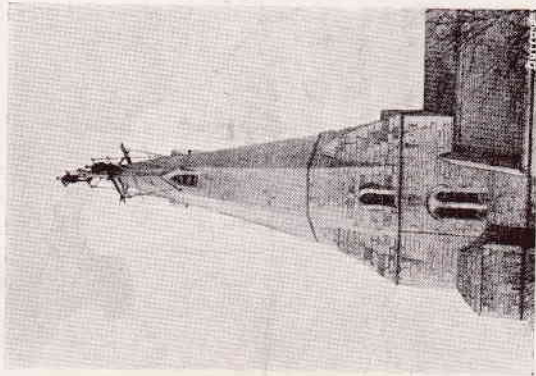
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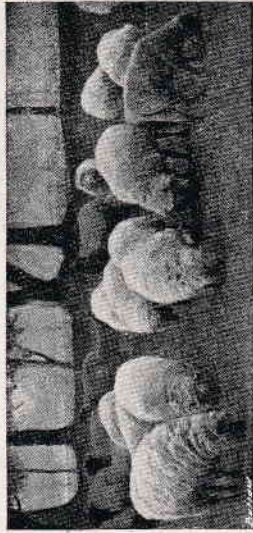


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BOLSOVER

(DERBYSHIRE)



GENERAL INFORMATION.

Population (1921 census) : 11,475.

Area : 4,955 acres.

Miles from London by rail : 151 ; by road, 146.

Mileage of Roads in District : 29.125.

Market Day : Friday. Early Closing Day : Wednesday.

Situation : Bolsover is situated in the heart of the Midlands within easy reach of Derby, Nottingham, Sheffield and Chesterfield.

Railway Facilities: The town is well served by the Midland section of the London, Midland and Scottish Railway, being on the Mansfield, Bolsover and Chesterfield branch of that system. It is also served by the Great Central section of the London and North Eastern Railway.

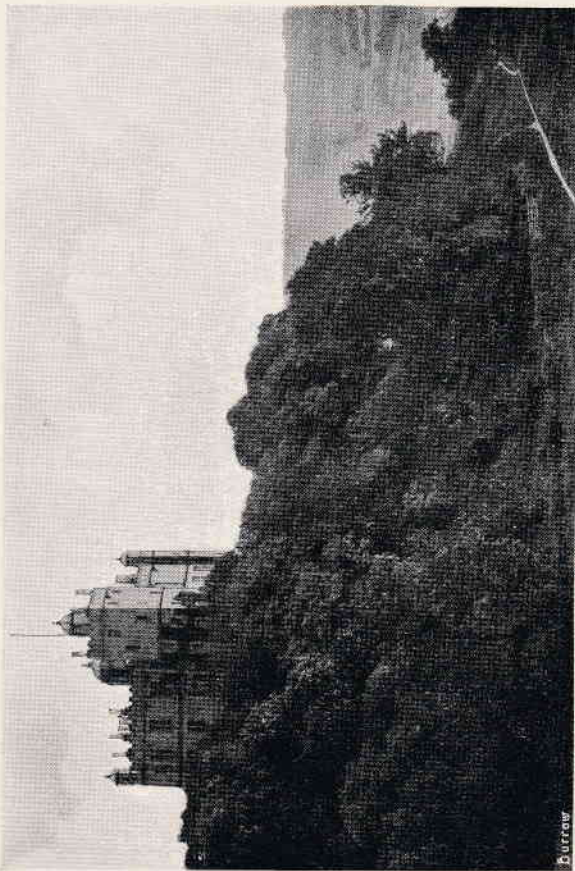
Hotels : Carr Vale Hotel (see page 32) ; Cavendish Hotel (see page 38) ; Bluebell Inn (see page 41), and several other well-appointed hotels.

Restaurants : T. Home (Car Vale) ; Castle Restaurant, Castle Street (see page 2).

Branch Banks : Midland Bank, open on Tuesdays and Fridays ; Westminster Bank, open on Mondays and Fridays.

Chief Landowners : The Duke of Portland, Earl Bathurst and Duke of Devonshire. There is plenty of land (mainly copyhold) available for manufacturers.

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BOLSOVER CASTLE.

AN ANCIENT MARKET TOWN.

HISTORICAL NOTES.

Bolsover is an ancient market town with an interesting history. A good deal of its history is naturally bound up with two important buildings which constitute the chief interest of the town from the point of view of the visitors who come here in hundreds every summer—the Castle and the Parish Church—see pages 9 and 14. Beyond these, however, there are many interesting points of local history to which brief reference must be made here.

Bolsover became a **market** town at a very early period as is shown by an entry on the Close Roll of the 10th year of the reign of King Henry III. (1226).

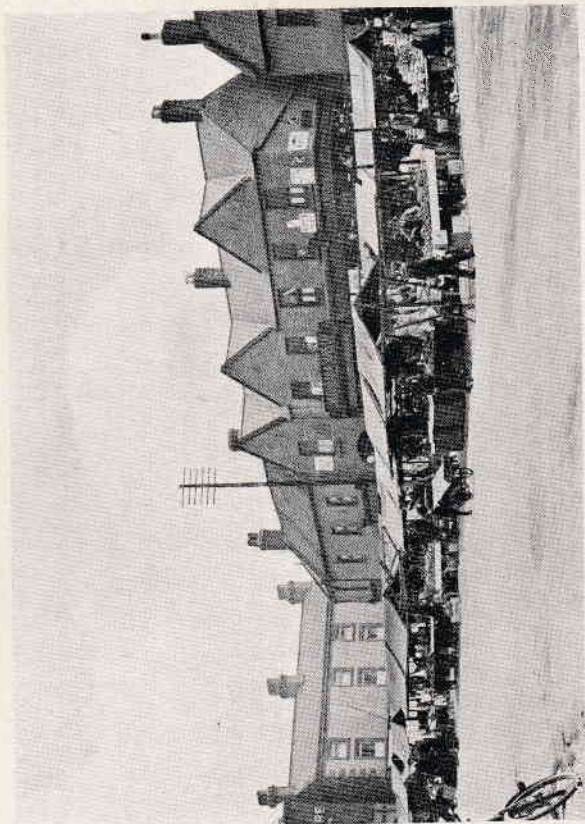
As Henry III. was born on the 1st October, 1207, it appears that the market was authorised only until 1228, but doubtless it was continued, as in Owen's "New Book of Fairs," 1792, it is stated that at Bolsover there was a market on Fridays, and that there was a fair there on Easter Monday.

Evidently the market was discontinued at some time between 1792 and 1833, for in Glover's "History and Gazetteer of the County of Derby," 1833, vol II., p. 125, it is stated that at Bolsover "the market-day was formerly held on Friday, but it is now fallen into disuse. There is a fair held on Easter Monday."

In the list of Markets and Fairs for 1888, given in the Appendix to the Royal Commission's Report, neither market nor fair is recorded for Bolsover.

By some error Bolsover market was recorded in the report of the Royal Commission on Market Rights, 1889, as "a market held at Bolestoure, in County Nottingham." It seems clear, therefore, that "Bolestoure" was here inserted in error for "Bollesovr," and that the researcher responsible for putting in "county Nottingham" had overlooked the significance of the fact that King Henry III.'s order for a market was directed to the Sheriff of Derby. It happened that the draft was made while the king was staying at Nottingham: hence the little historical discrepancy.

The market is now held in the Market Place on Friday evenings, and about 38 stalls are in use. The Feast has in recent years been held in August in the Homscroft Recreation Ground, and the Kitchen Croft, near the Market Place.



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