



The North Halifax Grammar School High Performing Specialist Science and Languages School

Living in the Area

The Metropolitan Borough of Calderdale nestles along the eastern flanks of the Pennines. The borough was created in 1974 and currently has a population of about 190,000. Halifax is the largest town and administrative centre. Hebden Bridge, Brighouse and Todmorden are the other major towns in the borough.

Calderdale is a delight with majestic, open moorlands overlooking deep wooded valleys. The industrial legacy of textiles and engineering provides a fascinating heritage for the area. The splendid natural beauty of Hardcastle Craggs sits alongside the busy curio shops and restaurants at historic Hebden Bridge. The bordering 'Bronte Country' to the north and 'Summer Wine Country' to the south boasts a wealth of interesting places to delight the rambler, mountain-biker, rock-climber, bird-watcher, canal-lover, amateur historian and day visitor.

Halifax itself has wonderful historic buildings (the Piece Hall and the Parish Church), an indoor market, modern shops and entertainment for all ages from variety at the Victoria Theatre to many clubs and pubs for the young at heart.

The M62 runs through the south of the borough connecting Manchester (40 minutes) to Leeds (30 minutes). These two regional capitals are also linked by rail through Halifax. Two airports, Manchester and Leeds-Bradford are also easily accessible. Metropolitan shops and entertainment are readily available at Leeds and Manchester, as are the natural delights of the Peak District and Yorkshire Dales National Parks.

There is a wide variety of housing in town and country locations. Prices are reasonable and below the national average.