

Rivelin Valley Nature and Heritage Trail

From industry to nature

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Oak



Beech



Alder



Ash



Holly



Speckled Wood



Comma



Orange-tip



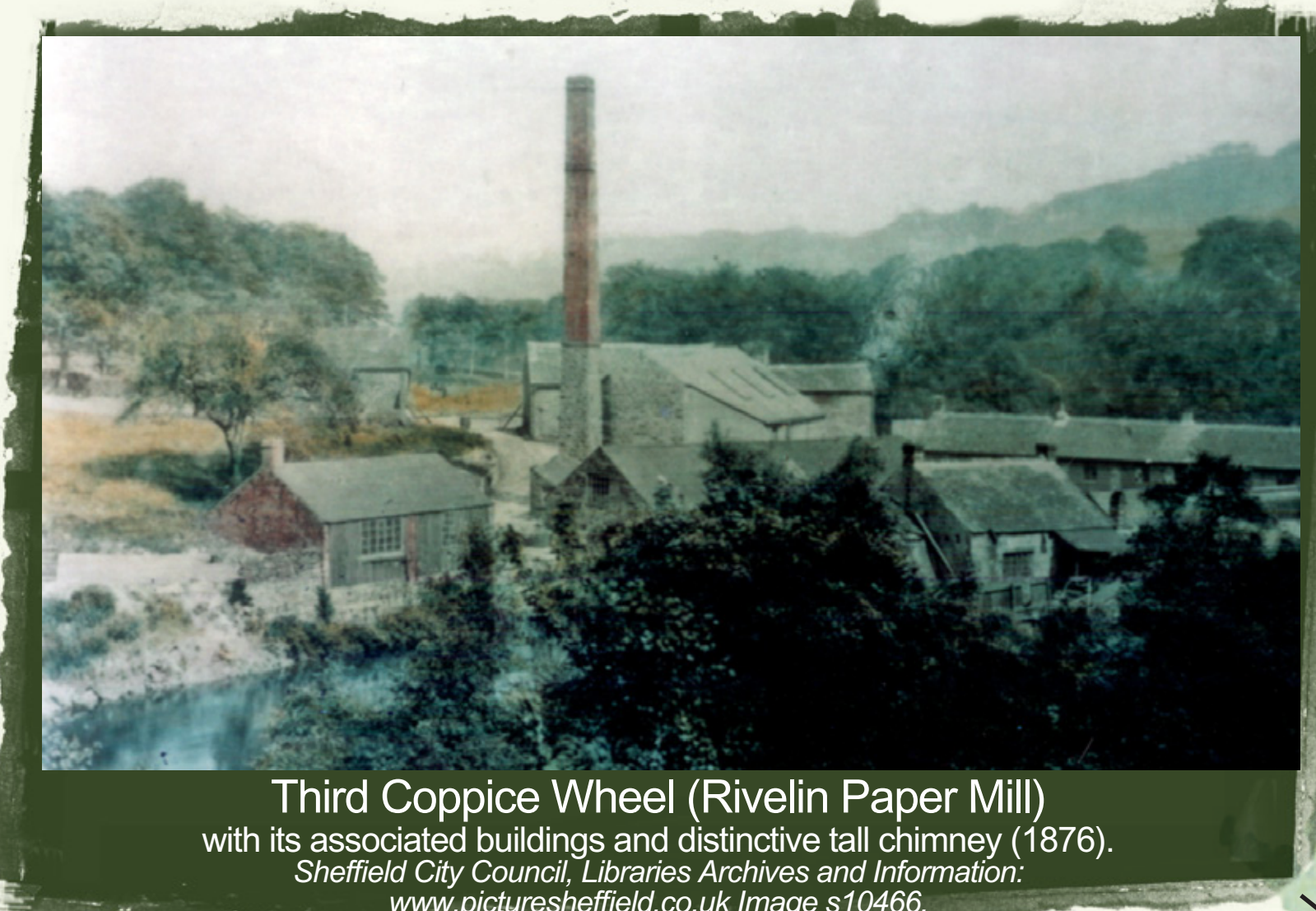
Pipistrelle
Bat



Wood Sorrel



Bluebell



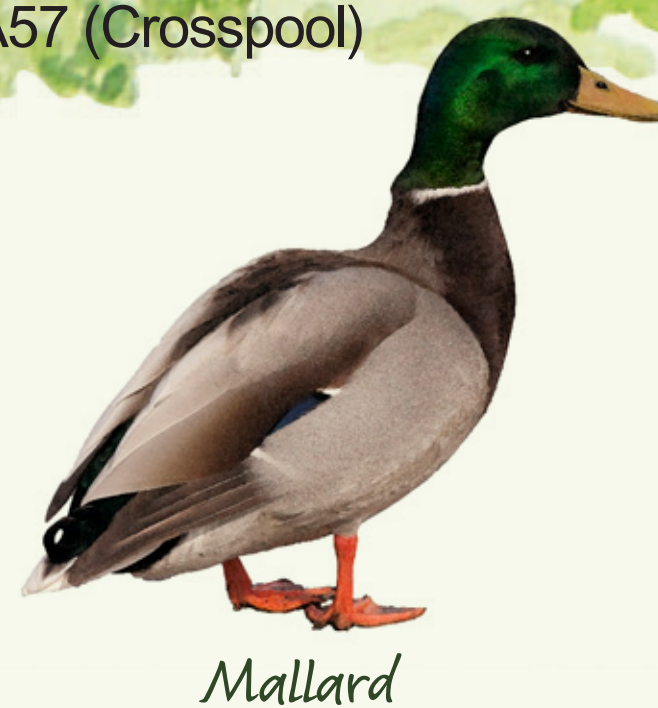
Third Coppice Wheel (Rivelin Paper Mill)
with its associated buildings and distinctive tall chimney (1876).
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Roscoe stepping stones (optional route)
Photograph: S. Shaw (2014).



Rivelin Chair Sculpture
by local artist Jason Thomson (2011).
Crafted to appear like a seat made of coppice wood and to reflect metalwork left behind from the old mills, and the twisted tree roots winding around the old dam walls.
Photograph: J. Buckland (2014).



Mallard



Dipper



Kingfisher



Long Tailed Tit



Heron



Wren

Footpaths and access

The trail can be started at either end and is easy to find as it follows the river. Shorter circuits can also be enjoyed. Please explore, enjoy and relax in the valley – respect the environment and archaeology so others can also enjoy it. Take care in wet conditions as the paths can be muddy and slippery.

Bicycles and horses are not permitted on the footpaths. Please note that the trail is not suitable for mobility scooters.



0 250 500
metres

Trail (marked in red) is 3 miles



Further information

To find out more about the individual sites, use the QR Codes and NFC tags located on a series of interpretation posts found along the valley. A book "Walking the Rivelin", which describes the industrial heritage and natural history along the trail, is also available from the Rivelin café and other outlets (see www.rivelinvalley.org.uk).

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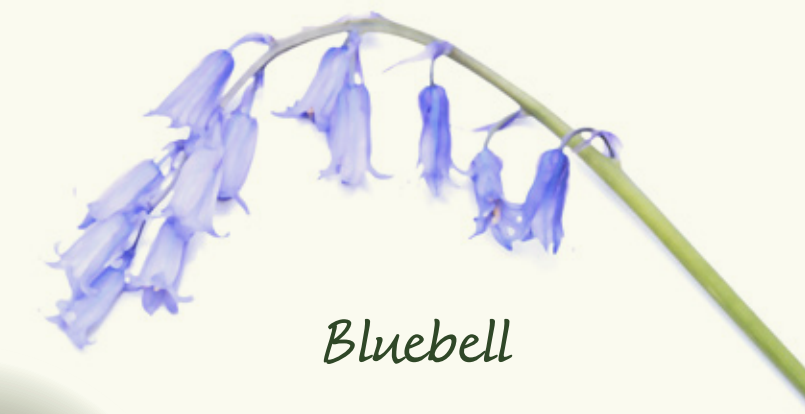
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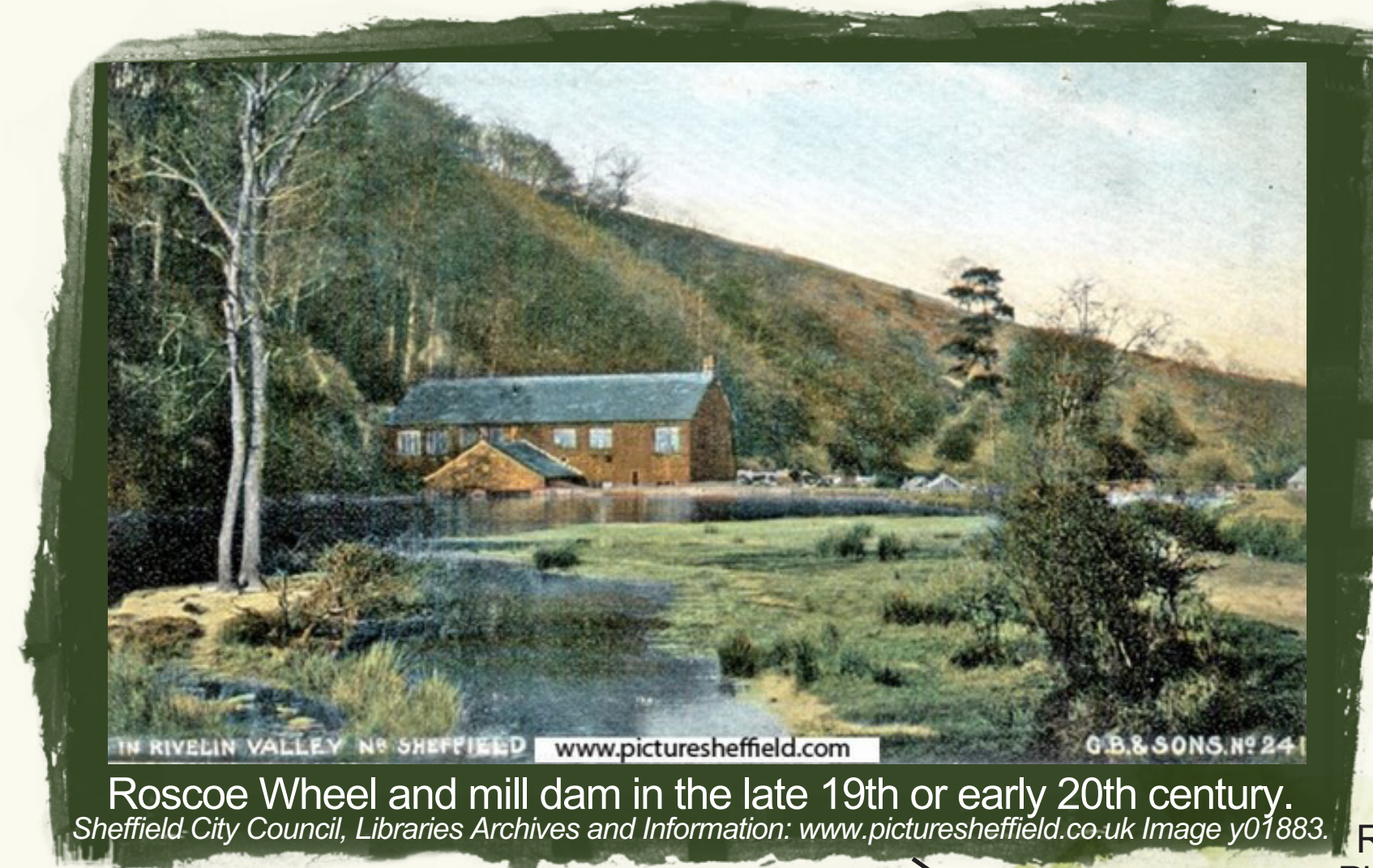
The Rivelin trail passing between the Frank Wheel head goit (left) and the river (right).
Photograph: S. Shaw (2015).



Packhorse Bridge
(near Rails Road), dates from before 1790 and is Grade II listed.
Photograph: S. Shaw (2015).



A waterfall on the Black Brook cascades into the river near Third Coppice Wheel.
Photograph: D. Hastings (2009).



Roscoe Wheel and mill dam in the late 19th or early 20th century.
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- Main trail route
- River
- Road
- Car Park / Street Parking
- Weir
- Stepping Stones
- Footbridge
- Cycle route avoiding Rivelin Valley Road

Rivelin Park Café
Rivelin water play area
Toilets & disabled facilities
Children's play area

1. Grogam Wheel
2. Mousehole Forge
3. Walkley Bank Tilt (Havelock Dam)
4. Hollins Bridge Mill
5. Spooners Wheel
6. New Dam
7. Roscoe Wheel
8. Holme Head Wheel
9. Little London Wheel
10. Nether Cut Wheel
11. Upper Cut Wheel
12. Hind Wheel
13. Plonk Wheel
14. Swallow Wheel
15. Wolf Wheel
16. Frank Wheel
17. Third Coppice Wheel
18. Second Coppice Wheel
19. Upper Coppice Wheel
20. Rivelin Corn Mill
21. Uppermost Wheel (NOT ACCESSIBLE)

Rails Road
Car Park, picnic
area & outdoor
classroom

You are here

King Edwards

Blackbrook Wood

Black Brook

A57 (Crosspool)

Packhorse bridge



Dipper



Kingfisher



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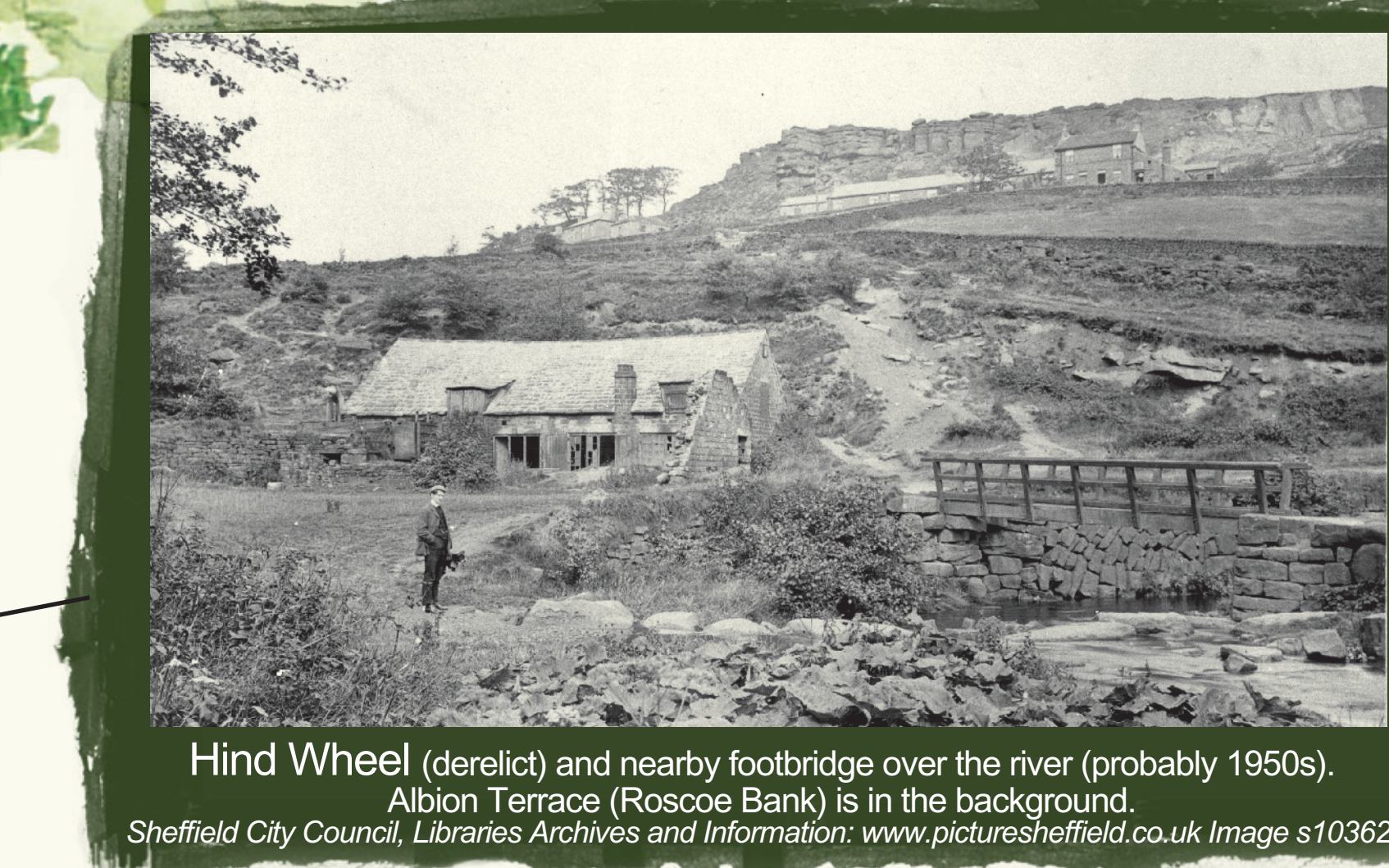


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Hind Wheel (derelict) and nearby footbridge over the river (probably 1950s).
Albion Terrace (Roscoe Bank) is in the background.
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Look out for one of these mill marker posts



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