

Further down on Market Street, numbers 19 to 27(4) saw various uses by the Co-op, including locksmith and shoe shop, before they were knocked down in 1981 to form the Promenade.

Looking down over the Promenade's railings, we can see what was once the Co-op Late Shop/Supermarket(5), now Sainsbury's. Continue on Market Street, cross Meal Street and pause to look down High Street.

The impressive building on the left at 9-11 High Street is the Co-operative Furniture Store(6). Looking high up on the building and you'll see the roundels that have the Co-op's 'Bee' logo. The building also opens up onto Market Street and has been converted to apartments.

The Building facing it on the corner of Market Street and High Street was once the Central Grocery Store(7) for the Co-operative Society. From this building, the Co-op's own horse and cart would distribute grocery to all the other Co-op stores in the area as listed in the locations. Next to this building at number 5, Hall Street are the Old Stables(8), once home to the Society's horses.

Walking past the Town Hall along Spring Bank, a side trip up Meadow Street brings us to the Co-op garage(9) as the Co-op gradually made the change from horse-drawn to motorised. Retrace your steps to Spring Bank and turn left. There's a viewpoint on the other side of the road where you can pause to take in the view before continuing along Spring Bank, then down the cobbled path on the right.

At the end of the path, turn left onto High Street, before turning right over the bridge. The walk now takes the path uphill to the left of the graveyard, until it reaches Ollersett Avenue. Emerging from the cluster of bungalows, turn left then almost immediately right up Peak Road, to the far end which brings you out on Cale Road.

Facing you is Highfield Terrace, whose terraced housing (10) was built by the Society in 1911.

At the end of Cale Road, is the Low Leighton Grocery Store(11), now a travel agents. Turn right, and walk for roughly a kilometre from Low Leighton Road onto Church Road, to Ensor Way. Here, on Church Road was the coal yard (13) whose stables(12) were 50 metres away on the left down Hyde Bank Road. The supermarket(14) can be seen over the wall.

Our path now leads up Albion Road to the traffic lights on its junction with Buxton Road. The walk takes us past the grocery store at 53 Albion Road(15), now a Fireplace shop, and just beyond, on the corner of Woodside Street, the Co-op bakery(16) which serviced all the local stores.

Finally, the walk ends at the traffic lights on the A6, Buxton Road. Facing us are our final two properties on the walk. At number 6, is the Butchers(17), whilst next door and now a carpet shop is the location of another Grocers(18).

There are other locations that are equally deserving of a place on the map, but this selection of varied properties demonstrates just how important the New Mills Co-operative Industrial Society Ltd has been to the development of New Mills since its founding in 1860.

Photographs of some of these locations are available from www.picturenewmills.org.uk.

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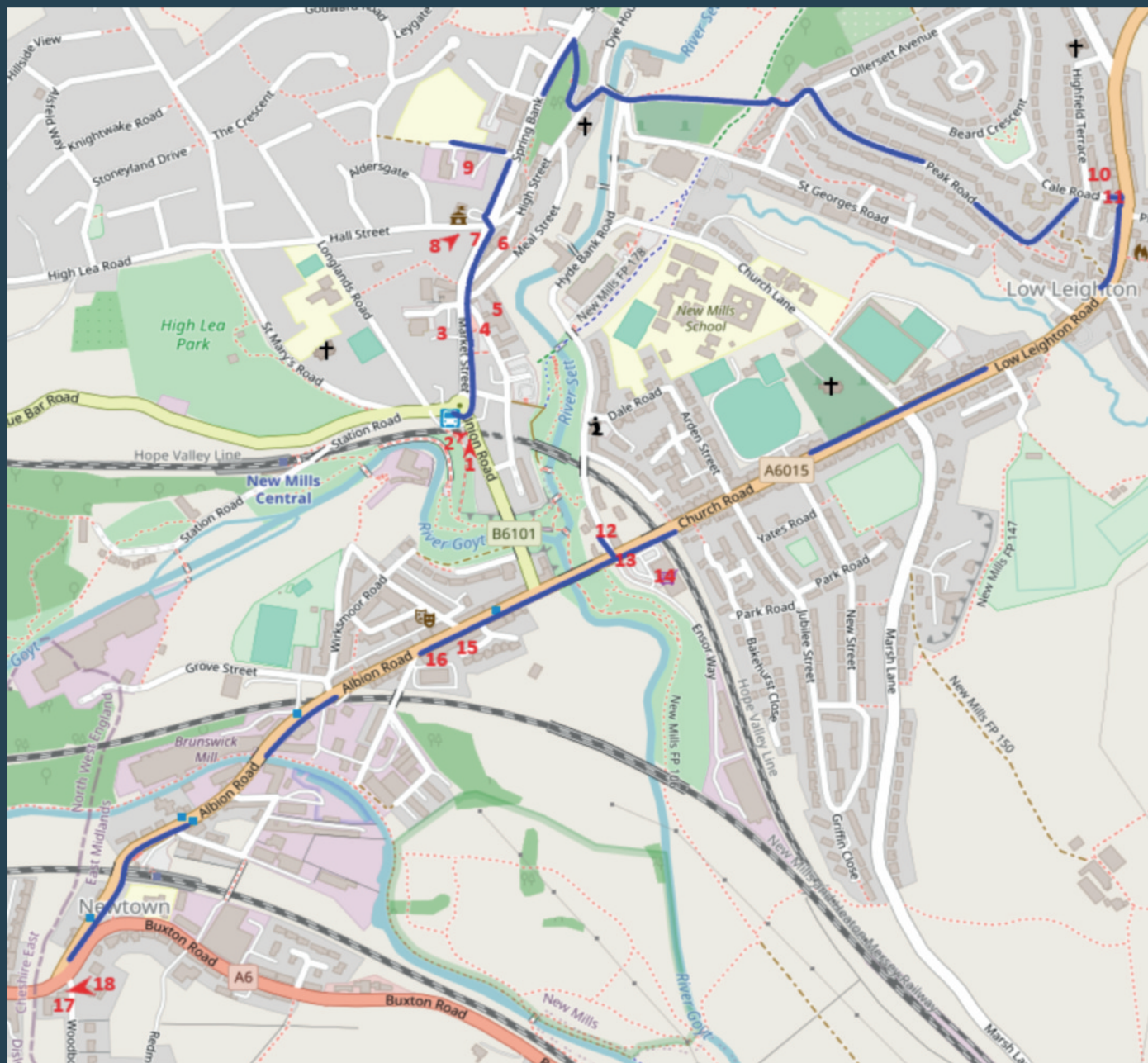
New Mills Co-operative Society.



CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY IN NEW MILLS

A local walk to discover the importance of
the Co-operative Society to the
development of the town of New Mills?





Locations associated with New Mills Co-operative Society.

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| 1 | 4, Union Rd | Drapery |
| 2 | 2, Union Rd | Hardware/Fancy Goods |
| 3 | 46/48 Market St | Drapery |
| 4 | 19/27 Market St | Shoe Shop/Lock-up |
| 5 | Torr Top St | Late Shop/Supermarket |
| 6 | 9/11 High St | Furniture |
| 7 | Market St/Hall St | Central Grocery Store -
Distributes to all local Co-op Stores in Newtown, Low Leighton, Thornsett, Birch Vale, Buxton Road, Chinley, Chapel-en-le-Frith and Whitehough. |
| 8 | 5, Hall St | Stables |
| 9 | Meadow St | Co-op Garage |
| 10 | Highfield Terrace | Housing |
| 11 | 131 Low Leighton Rd | Grocery Store |
| 12 | Hyde Bank Rd | Stables |
| 13 | Church Rd | Coal yard |
| 14 | Ensor Way | Co-op Supermarket |
| 15 | 53 Albion Rd | Grocery Store |
| 16 | Albion Rd/Woodside St | Bakery |
| 17 | 6 Buxton Rd | Butchers |
| 18 | Buxton Rd | Grocery Store |

The Walk:

Starting at the Bus Station, our first two locations are numbers 4(1) and 2(2) on Union Road, drapers and hardware stores respectively.

Crossing Union Road, our path leads down Market Street where at number 46/48(3) the new drapers opened in 1938.

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The front cover photo is New Mills Co-operative supermarket on Ensor Way.

On coming to live in New Mills, several people described the town as a Co-op town. This leaflet and associated walk is an attempt to understand the meaning of 'Co-op Town' as it applies to New Mills.