

Explore...

...Aspley & Moldgreen.

Two centres on the edge of

THE two centres of Aspley and Moldgreen are situated on one of the main routes in and out of Huddersfield.

Because of this, we often pass through with our eyes firmly on the road in front without noticing what's around us. The area is rich in history, however, with Aspley Canal Basin being one of the busiest places in Huddersfield in times past.

On a map of 1716 the area of land between the former Shorefoot Mill and the River Colne was called Aspley Common. The canal was later to bisect this land and one side became known as Little Aspley.

Today it is a busy business centre with

numerous small shops and companies alongside the main road.

Moving along to Moldgreen, this area has changed considerably in more recent times with the construction of the main Wakefield Road.

Today Old Wakefield Road is home to a range of small shops and the popular Moldgreen United Reformed Church.

Like many other local villages, Moldgreen formerly had its own cinema, The Regal.

The Wakefield Road cinema at Moldgreen was opened in 1936.

Admission prices dropped in 1953 after attendances fell. By 1962 it had been replaced by a bingo hall, but that too closed due to lack of interest.

It was later demolished to make way for the road changes

Next time you drive along Wakefield Road, take notice of all the shops and services in this area of Huddersfield. Here is a flavour of just a few of them and what they can offer today's shoppers:

- Situated in Old Wakefield Road at Moldgreen is the long established Blackburns Outdoor Equipment, a local specialist business for clothing and equipment for the

'great outdoors'.

Steve and Carol Ward, who run the business, describe themselves as active outdoor enthusiasts and are experts in their chosen field.

In particular Steve has a wide experience of outdoor products due to his connections with local mountain rescue and search dog handling.

Together with Carol, he can offer specialist and first hand knowledge of the extensive range of products currently on sale.

- Pizza Hut Delivery on Wakefield Road has been baking and delivering "Pizza Like No Other" to customers in Huddersfield for five years.

During that time the business has baked well over 500,000 pizzas, over 450,000 slices of garlic bread and hundreds of thousands of chicken wings and chicken strips.

The Hut family love delivering the goods, freshly made and baked pizza delivered safely and hot.

Pizza Hut has been established a while and is going to be here when customers need us, come rain or shine.

- Philip Schofield Cabinet Maker and Kitchen Designer has opened a superb show-

room at Express Electrics at Aspley.

Philip has worked locally for over 30 years and has earned himself an excellent reputation for quality and value.

Now his customers can purchase even more value for money by including an exclusive discount appliance package for their kitchen courtesy of Express Electrics.

He said: "We are finding this collaboration to be very successful and sets a new standard for service and value in Huddersfield."

- Abbeymill, based in Lincoln Street at Aspley provides top quality kitchens and bedrooms to both the trade and retail markets. Established in Huddersfield for over 30 years, this family business enjoys much repeat business from local homeowners who have returned time and time again, and also recommended Abbeymill to their family and friends.

Sales and Marketing Director Lynne McGee says the bespoke nature of the Abbeymill products has ensured that the company has remained flexible in a very diverse market and continued to provide luxury kitchens and bedrooms to highly delighted customers.

- Based in Wakefield Road is B & S



Did you know?

Originally Moldgreen was an area of common grazing as the suffix 'green' suggests and early references to the area talk about the digging of stone and feeding of geese. The prefix 'mold' may refer to the practice of extracting black earth from the area around Carr Pit.



Barges moored up at Aspley Canal Basin

Did you know?

The familiar Aspley Canal Basin came into being when the construction of the Huddersfield Broad Canal was completed in 1780. It increased greatly in importance when a link with Lancashire was made via the Huddersfield Narrow Canal in 1811. Today it provides a mooring for colourful canal barges and is one of the town's landmarks.

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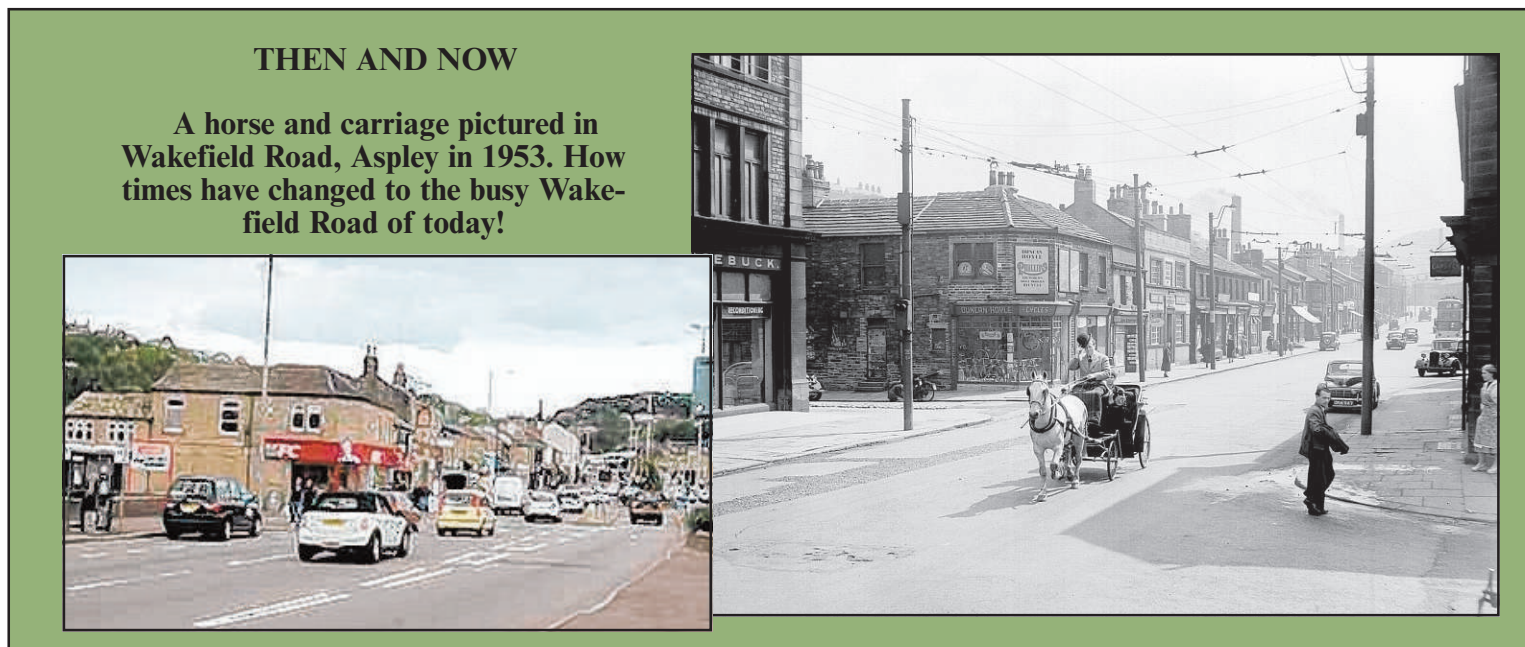
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An emergency call-out service is available and the shop is open on Saturday morning. Owner Andrew Tyas has a wealth of knowledge in the security industry.

● Terry's Fish Bar in Broad Lane, Moldgreen offers either an eat-in or take-away service with opening five days a week (closed Wednesday and Sunday). This traditional fish and chip shop offers fresh fish, cooked to order, along with pies, fish cakes and spam fritters.

● Aspley Carpets is situated in the old school building on the corner of Wakefield Road and Colne Road. Owner Jim Ewens offers floor coverings to both the domestic market and to contractors.

Established since 1988 the shop is open Monday to Saturday and offers a large selection of carpets, vinyls, laminates and carpet tiles. It also has a large selection of



THEN AND NOW

A horse and carriage pictured in Wakefield Road, Aspley in 1953. How times have changed to the busy Wakefield Road of today!

remnants in stock. Carpets are supplied from most major manufacturers.

● Timebox Bookmakers in Old Wakefield Road, Moldgreen is currently celebrating 50 years in business.

This local independent bookmaker, run by Andrew Barrie, offers a friendly service, guaranteed odds and the best prices on football every day.

● Marko's Autos, based in Unit 7, Aspley Business Park, Lincoln Street, Aspley offers a wide range of services for the local motorist including MOT and servicing, tyres and exhausts, valeting, diagnostics, welding and much more. Marko's Autos is there for all your mechanical needs.

● Pegasus Signs & Vehicle Graphics is based at Aspley Business Park, Lincoln Street, Aspley. All kinds of signage and graphics are designed, manufactured and fitted, supplying to both small and corporate businesses.

Graham and Elaine Norton run an established family business and are very proud of the service offered to their customers.

● Around the corner at the bottom of Somerset Road is Parkside Garage which used to be the old Longley Park showroom. The aim at Parkside Garage is always to offer a top quality service and expertise which will surpass any main dealer at a fraction of the cost.

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and much more.

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Asplebrooke

There are few references to "Aspley" before the 18th century. "Asplebrooke" is mentioned in a Ramsden deed in 1566. In 1716 the fields adjoining Aspley Common had the unusual name "Daddle Becks".

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