

THE LODGES OF HEADINGLEY

Looking round the Lodges

You can visit the surviving lodges around Headingley by way of a half-a-dozen short excursions, which can be combined to make one or more longer outings.

Note: numbers in **bold** refer to the gallery of lodges.

Lodges on Woodhouse Moor

[Woodhouse Moor](#) was once a high moor separating Headingley village from Leeds town. A reservoir was built there in 1837, and it was domesticated as a park from 1857.

*Begin at Woodhouse Moor: lodges **01** and **03** are behind the old Library, on the corner of Woodhouse Lane and Clarendon Road (the site of 02 is at the south end of the reservoir).*



Lodges along Headingley Lane



Leeds was connected to Headingley by Woodhouse Lane over Woodhouse Moor and by Headingley Lane over Headingley Hill. The elevated Hill made it an attractive location to early refugees from the smoke of the town, such as the builders of Rose Court and Headingley Castle.

*From the Moor, go to Hyde Park Corner: follow Headingley Lane to Grosvenor Road, turn right for lodge **04**; return to the Corner, and turn down Victoria Road, to lodges **05** and **07** (and the sites of 06 and 08); then turn right, up Buckingham Road, to lodges **09** and **10**; from there, turn left onto Headingley Lane, for lodges **11**, **12** and **13**; continue to the centre of Headingley.*

Lodges around Headingley Village

Headingley village attracted many house with lodges around its outskirts – along the old road west to Kirkstall, on the new road across Headingley Moor to the north, and on the streets built east to Woodhouse Ridge. Perhaps not surprisingly, these have experienced a much higher rate of attrition than those further afield.

Lodges West of Headingley

The earliest grand houses added to the village were to [the west](#), at the beginning of the nineteenth century. See Bradford, Chapter 9.

*From the centre of Headingley, turn left along North Lane, turn right at the end of the Lane for lodge **14**, and then continue along Kirkstall Lane for lodge **16** (and the sites of 15 and 17).*



Lodges East of Headingley

The latest Victorian villas added to Headingley village were to [the east](#), in the later nineteenth century. See Bradford, Chapter 12.

From the centre of Headingley, turn right along Alma Road to lodges 20 and 21 (the site of 18 is at the end of Shire Oak Road, the site of 19 is on Wood Lane).

Lodges in Far Headingley

Headingley Moor lay north of the village, with Headingley Moor Side (now [Far Headingley](#)) on the far side. A track across the Moor was designated as Moor Road when the Moor was enclosed in 1834, and plots were then sold for development. See Hall, pp36-39 and 79-86.

From the centre of Headingley, go north along Otley Road, turn right into Shaw Lane, and then left into Moor Road, for lodge 25 on the left along the Road (and the sites of 22, 23 and 24 further along on the right).

Lodges along Otley Road

Originally the ‘Otley road’ bypassed Headingley altogether (the main route from Leeds to Otley went through Burley). However a new turnpike in the eighteenth century brought the road through Headingley – though a mile past the village it veered to the west towards Moor Grange. It was not until the beginning of



Victoria’s reign, with a revision of the turnpike, that Otley Road finally took its present route. The lodges along the Road witness the historic origins of Headingley and its later role as a suburb. They include lodges for the two oldest buildings in the area, Kirkstall Grange and Weetwood Hall, whose origins go back to monastic times; they includes lodges for the reservoir built for the emerging suburb; and lodges for two late Victorian villas. See Bradford, Chapter 6.

From the centre of Headingley, continue north along Otley Road, to lodges 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 and 31.

Lodges along Weetwood Lane

Weetwood Lane (formerly Addle Lane) was the original route from Leeds via Headingley to Adel and thence to Otley. It was superseded by the Turnpike (Otley Road) to the west, which is perhaps partly why it became “one of the best addresses in Leeds” in later Victorian times. See Janet Douglas, [‘Wandering through Weetwood’](#).

From Otley Road, turn right into Weetwood Lane, to visit lodges 33, 34, 35, 36 (which is up a side road on the left), 32, 37, 38 and 40 (and the site of 39).



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