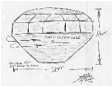


10 	Todmorden is a UFO superhighway. This is the site of the most notable event, being that of PC Alan Godfrey on November 29th 1980. Coming back from investigating a report of escaped cattle, he turned on to Burnley Road from Ferney Lee Road (23) and saw a dome-shaped object hovering some 5ft above the road surface. Godfrey attempted to radio the sighting in, but his radio equipment wouldn't work. He suddenly found himself 100 yards further down the road and the UFO was gone. The Todmorden UFO Society still meet at the Golden Lion pub (near 25)
21 	Is Todmorden in Lancashire or Yorkshire? Since 1888 the town is within the West Riding of Yorkshire however it still has an Oldham postcode, a Rochdale dialling code and a cricket club that plays in the Lancashire League. The historic boundary between Yorkshire and Lancashire is the River Calder and its tributary, Walsden Water, which run through the town. This is one of the original boundary markers. The county border crosses Christ Church churchyard, goes through Todmorden School, through the middle of Todmorden cricket ground and the Town Hall. Up until 1888 it was possible to dance in the Town Hall ballroom back and forth across the two counties. The detail on the triangular pediment of the town hall (by 13) reflects to the left, Lancashire's cotton spinning and weaving and to the right, Yorkshire's engineering and agriculture.
36 	The Rochdale Canal transformed Todmorden from a few scattered hillside cottages and a church to an important mill town. The canal opened in 1804 and was the first trans-Pennine canal running from the Calder and Hebble navigation in Sowerby Bridge to the Bridgewater Canal in Manchester. The boats on the Calder and Hebble were shorter than those on the Rochdale so the locks were designed to accommodate 2 sets of lower gates (for short and long narrow boats) potentially saving water. Only one set was ever fitted but you can still see the double gate recesses on many of the locks including this one. Heavy industry has now largely gone and the remaining mills repurposed as modern dwellings such as the Mill Chimney House (51) which was originally Hole Bottom Mill.
44 	A community driven project, Rochdale Canal Connections, greatly improved towpaths, seating, planting and signage along the canal through Todmorden, Hebden Bridge, Mytholmroyd and Luddendenfoot. A key feature of the project was the installation of a number of unique pieces of art. Here the sculpture features a relief of the nearby railway bridge and lock. Other artworks include a seat in the shape of two horses in Hebden Bridge, stone barges in Luddendenfoot and a hawk sculpture in Mytholmroyd reflecting the poetry of locally-born Ted Hughes.
50 	It's hard to miss the name Fielden while walking round Todmorden. 'Honest John' Fielden was a successful mill owner but also an energetic politician promoting shorter working days and votes for the working class. This Grade 1 Listed Unitarian Church, built in 1865-69, was financed by his three sons in their father's memory. John Fielden's grave is in a plain plot just through the gate at 52. His son John married a mill girl and built Dobroyd Castle for her. It remained in family ownership until 1942. It is now an outdoor pursuits centre. Access is only via a private track on from 53 or a road (not on the map) near 60.
62 	This is the start of Scraper's Lane. It is said to be haunted by Old Scraper. He was responsible for the church collection each week but succumbed to temptation and took it for himself. His punishment was to haunt Scraper's Lane in iron clogs which are said to scrape the lane to this day.
63 	Just by the bridge is an unusual stone with a hole in it. This is the Betrothal Stone. Legend has it that young couples would pledge their intention to wed by the man putting his hand through the hole, taking hold of the girl's hand then pulling her hand back and forth through the hole.