

Victoria County History (Cumbria) Project

Form 3 (Jubilee Digest)

Name of Place:	Lower Holker contains the villages of Cark, Flookburgh and Holker
Status <i>[anc. parish, township or chapelry]</i>	Township
Parish:	Ancient Parish: Cartmel Parish: Lower Holker
Ward:	Lonsdale Hundred, North of the Sands
Historic County:	Lancashire, North of the Sands
Survey date of 1st edition OS Map & revision date of 2nd edition	1 st edition OS Map – 1847-48 ; 2 nd edition OS Map 1890
Modern local government boundary change	Lower Holker Civil Parish 1801-2012 Changes to boundaries in 1891.
Acreage <i>[acres and hectares]</i>	2387 acres (966 ha) 1850 Rising to 3382 acres (1369 ha) in 1901. Fell to 3332 acres (1348 ha) in 1911. Fell again to 2890 acres (1170 ha) 1921 to 1971.
Extent of common moor or fell	Estimate area 8000 acres (3237 ha) Commons, waste grounds, mosses – in townships of Staveley, Lower Allithwaite, Broughton, Upper Allithwaite, Lower Holker, Cartmel Fell, Upper Holker
Date of enclosure	Cartmel Award Enclosure Act 1796. Date of Award 1809.
Population	931 in 1811 rising to 1225 in 1851. In 1861 there was a decrease in the population due to the movement of workers to the iron ore districts. 1062 in 1901. This rose to 1835 in 1921, due to the development of Ravenstown for the proposed airship station in 1917, which was never built. Numbers fell to 1425 in 1931 and again to 1416 in 1961. Rose to 1808 in 2001.
Landownership <i>[summary manorial descent (if known); other major estates (if known)]</i> (Please limit to 5 lines maximum)	There was never any manor of Holker. The greater part of the township was formerly held by the manor of Cartmel. In 1610 the manor of Cartmel was sold to Thomas Emerson and Richard Cowdall, who at once transferred the manor to George Preston of Holker (who had acquired an estate at Holker after the Reformation). This manor has since descended with Holker.
Economic Activity <i>[excluding agriculture; i.e. mines, quarries, manufacturing, markets etc]</i>	Flookburgh procured a market charter in 1412. Public houses in Flookburgh supplied the over sands route for Ulverston. Cockles and the small brown shrimp have been

(Please limit to 5 lines maximum)	<p>harvested in Flookburgh for centuries, the latter being a delicacy that was sent by train to the major towns. A fish processing plant (Youngs) was situated in Cark 1950 but closed in the 1970s. Cark station was originally built to service Holker Hall but became economically important for the markets for the local fishing industry.</p> <p>1847/8 Fishing, 2 corn mills, railway station.</p> <p>1890 1 corn mill, inns, coalyard, station, fishing</p> <p>1900 railway traffic, coal yards, mill (burned down 1935) banks, printing works, apartments, fish dealers, seed merchants.</p> <p>1950 to date, growth of industrial sites at railway station and along the Mile Road. Holker Estates is a major employer and landowner. Caravan parks established in 20th century bringing in tourists to the Cartmel area.</p>
<p>Places of Worship <i>[date of foundation and denomination]</i> (please limit to 5 lines maximum)</p>	<p>Flookburgh chapel rebuilt 1778, enlarged 1836 and demolished 1900, replaced by St John the Baptist C of E at Flookburgh erected 1900</p> <p>Cark Wesleyan chapel 1904, (amalgamated into Methodist chapel 1932) closed 2005</p> <p>Flookburgh Catholic Chapel of Ease established 1935</p> <p>Jehovah's Witness established in Cark 2009</p>
<p>Schools and Other Institutions (Please limit to 5 lines maximum)</p>	<p>Holker School 1865</p> <p>Flookburgh School 1875</p> <p>Above schools were closed and new school built in 1971.</p> <p>Flookburgh Village Hall 1887</p> <p>Cark Village Hall 1908 (Lower Holker Village Hall)</p>
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OS 6" 1 st edn	x
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Census data	x
Yates Map	
Parson & White (1829)	x
Mannix (1851)	x
Mackereth (1901)	x
1851 Religious Census	x
1818 Returns of Schools	x
Enclosure award handlist	x
<i>Fleming's Description</i>	
Hyde & Pevsner	x
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