The Forest of Bowland Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) is a nationally protected landscape and internationally important for its heather moorland, blanket bog and rare birds. For more information regarding the Forest of Bowland AONB, visit the website at www.forestofbowland.com or ring 01772 534709 for an information leaflet.

By Road: Slaidburn is on the B6478 road approximately 9 miles from Clitheroe. It can also be reached from the A65 road that runs from Skipton to Kirkby Lonsdale by turning onto the B6478 at Long Preston.

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A circular walk starting in Slaidburn

On the walk detailed overleaf, look out for the limestone outcrops, which have formed much of the landscape around Slaidburn. They were once part of tropical reefs along a chain of islands and take the form of rounded hills and knolls. The angular, light grey limestone, often containing fossils of marine creatures, has been used locally in the dry stone walls. The limestone bedrock creates a very thin but fertile soil, in places only 3-4 inches thick, and supports a wide range of wildflowers and grasses. The wildflower meadows around Myttons Farm are managed in a traditional way to ensure their survival. They are at their best in May and June.

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Historic buildings and attractions

St Andrew’s churchyard has several interesting stone monuments. The church is mostly 15th Century with a three-decker pulpit, massive ancient doors and a Jacobean chancel screen. Nearby are Brennands endowed school and the heritage centre which is leased from the King-Wilkinson family that owns much of the property in the village.

Near to the war memorial and village shop is a wooden first aid box that used to contain a stretcher for injured fell walkers. The well at the roadside near there was built to commemorate the golden jubilee of Queen Victoria.

The Hark to Bounty Inn is home to the original Moot Courtroom of the Forest of Bowland. The area called Mount Pleasant is a group of houses formerly used by handloom weavers with typical rows of windows on the top floor to allow in the maximum amount of light onto the looms.

The Slaidburn Silver Band, founded in 1898, has its own world-famous march called “Slaidburn”. You may be lucky and hear it played by the current band in the village or at a local engagement.

The “lost villages” of Dalehead and Stocks in Bowland, which were flooded when the upper reaches of the River Hodder were dammed to create Stocks reservoir in the 1930s, were strongly associated with the village of Slaidburn. Many former residents of these villages were buried in Slaidburn.

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**The Hidden Door**

The Hidden Door, formerly Slaidburn Pottery, is a detached two bedroom bungalow on a quiet road on the estate of Laythams Farm. It is situated in a peaceful corner on the outskirts of Slaidburn. The cottage is comfortably furnished to a high standard both outside and in. Excellent holiday or weekend break accommodation.

www.thehiddendoor.co.uk
Tel: 01200 446268
Email: slaidburn@yha.org.uk
Web: www.yha.org.uk
Visit Britain: ★★☆☆☆ Rating

**The Olde Stables**

Woodhouse Gate Farm, Slaidburn, Clitheroe, BB7 3AQ
Tel: 01200 446240
Web: www.woodhousegatetfarmcottage.co.uk
Visit Britain: ★★★★☆ Rating

Thoughtfully renovated cottage on an organic dairy and sheep farm with 2 double and a twin bedroom. One double room and a shower room are situated on the ground floor and is disabled friendly. Extremely comfortable and furnished to a high standard both outside and in. Excellent holiday or weekend break accommodation.

Back Lane, Slaidburn, Clitheroe, BB7 3AJ
Tel: Ian Driver 01200 446454
Email: idriver@wildram.co.uk
Web: www.laythamsfarmcottages.co.uk
Visit Britain: ★★★★☆ Rating

Classic 17th century Pennine Longhouse with full CH. The Farmhouse with grand piano, pool table and 3 bedrooms sleeps up to 9 using 2 double bed-sitsets. The adjoining Laythams cottage has full CH and sleeps up to 6, again using 2 bed-sitsets. Large or family parties up to 15 in number can be accommodated.

**Quirks and Foibles**

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**Village Shop and Post Office**

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5, Chapel Street, Slaidburn, Clitheroe, BB7 3ES
Tel: 01200 446225
Email:quirksandfoibles@btinternet.com
Web: www.quirksandfoibles.co.uk

A eclectic mix of rustic home and garden wares – pine and painted furniture, jewellery, bags, cards and gifts, unusual crafts and unique vintage finds. Browsers welcome! Open daily 11am to 5pm except Mondays. Easter to October.

**Burn Fell View Holiday Cottage**

Pent Hill Farm, Slaidburn, Clitheroe, BB7 3AH
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