

## ACTIVITIES

- **Archive** - They undertake a range of research activities related to Skipton and maintain an archive including a large collection of local photos that have been digitised with many appearing on the Rowley Ellwood website
- **Leaflets** – They society publish the following information leaflets based on research: Ginnels and Yards, Middle Row, 54 Buildings, War Memorial, String of Beads - highlighting fascinating details to be found in the town centre.
- **Information boards** – They have supported the creation of information boards to help residents and visitors appreciate the town and its environs.
- **Skipton's natural environment** – They have created several small green spaces, most notably at Mill Bridge and the Wilderness.
- **Gawflat Meadow** - Their largest environmental project includes preserving this ancient field, now part of Aireville Park, and providing related information boards and leaflets. It contains a rich variety of trees, shrubs and meadow flowers and in 2012 it was officially designated a 'Queen's Field'.
- **Greening the town** - They work with other environment groups to install boxes, planters and plants for local residents and businesses together with the soil and compost to maintain them. Look out for these in Castle Street and at the Craven Arts House, Otley Street.
- **Tree planting** - Together with other organisations and the local council, water and energy companies, they are involved with tree planting where appropriate.
- **The built environment** – The society's architects, historians and conservation experts review and comment on planning applications. They have also carried out extensive research of the High Street and its environs for the High Street Heritage Action Zone Programme. The results of the research ('Every Building Tells a Story') are available in the Reference Section of Skipton Library or can be requested directly from the Society.
- **Education** – They hold illustrated lectures ('talks') on the first Wednesday of the month. Recent topics have included the Liverpool World Heritage site, the history of the former Rackhams buildings, Skipton Woods, Climate Change, Skipton's pubs.
- **Guided walks** – They organise these for members, the public and local organisations.

- **Summer Excursions** - They organise one or more trips each summer. Past visits have included: Hull, Wentworth Woodhouse, Silsden, Bingley, 3 Knaresborough, Hoghton Tower.