## Friends of Brighouse Station



## Millroyd Mill

In 1857 Henry Stott of Brighouse, whose family were already in the cotton business, joined with his cousin John (from Ripponden) and built Millroyd Mill for their newly established business of J & H Stott. This was the first cotton spinning mill to be built in Brighouse.

Unfortunately the first of several major fires took place on 12th November 1868 when an uncontrollable fire destroyed much of the building. The cost of the damage was estimated to be £20,000 which equates to over £2m at today's prices.

The Mill was rebuilt but a further major fire on 17th February 1874 completely destroyed the building. The falling walls blocked both the Turnpike Road to Huddersfield and the Calder & Hebble Navigation. The estimated damage this time was around £60,000 which would equate to over £7m today.

Another fire in late 1878 badly damaged one end of the Mill but this time this part was not rebuilt as it was decided that the land was not stable enough to support the construction. This damaged part of the Mill was demolished but the foundations are still visible between the existing Mill and Huddersfield Road

The Mill has approximately 450' of frontage to the Calder & Hebble Navigation, is 7 storeys high, and has 14 bays to the waterway frontage.

The Mill building remained in continuous use until 2001 but in the later years was occupied by Henry Cullingworth & Sons Ltd who were wool merchants from Bradford. During their occupation it was often locally referred to as 'Cullingworth's Mill'.

Following the cessation of its use as an industrial building the Mill was bought in 2004 by a local property developer and converted into apartments.

The Mill remains one of the most prominent of Brighouse's landmarks and is again known as Millroyd Mill.

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