

**Art Exhibition at Todmorden Information Centre
August 2010**

**The
Victorian Landscape
of the
Upper Calder Valley**



A collection of pictures by Nottingham based artist John Holland painted when he visited the Calder Valley in 1869/70

As the textile industry recovered from the “cotton famine” caused by the American Civil War in the 1860’s John Holland found a ready market for his work. His pictures show new housing, places of worship and factory buildings in the expanding villages and towns of the valley alongside the opulent Regency and Victorian mansions built by wealthy mill owners.

His work also depicts a largely rural landscape as yet little affected by the pollution and grime which would blacken the stone, stunt vegetation growth and turn out to characterise the Industrial North as the century unfolded.

The twelve digital prints in the series have been produced from John Holland’s original oil paintings held in the public collections of Calderdale MBC Museums and Galleries.

Framed or mounted copies of the prints are available to order

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