

Quite Simply... Ribble Valley

Pendle Hill dominates the area. It is where George Fox is believed to have had his vision in 1640 prior to founding the Quaker movement. Not quite a mountain, Pendle is 1,835 ft. high. It is also associated with the Pendle Witches who were taken from their homes under the hill, trailed through the Ribble Valley and sent for their trial at Lancaster Castle before being hanged in August, 1612.

Remember shopping in the good old days? It was a time when shopkeepers and their assistants took time to look after their customers' needs. There were inviting, appealing shops with unique window displays designed to entice customers through the door where an Aladdin's cave of distinctive and carefully selected stock was to be found. The food shops were filled with the finest local produce, freshly baked bread, choice cuts of local meat, hand-made sausages and pies, seasonal vegetables, hand-made chocolates - the list goes on.

In Clitheroe time has, in some ways, stood still! The town is famed for its specialist shops, tucked away in the steep streets leading up to and around the Castle Keep. Most are privately owned, from ironmongers to sausage shops, lighting to lingerie, craft shops to musical instruments, Clitheroe has it all. And, after exploring the area, the courtyards and ginnels, you will find there is also plenty of choice when it comes to eateries. In Clitheroe and the Valley's villages, the good old days live on!

You certainly don't have to travel far to enjoy a good day out in the Ribble Valley. Whalley Abbey, Ribchester Roman Museum, Stonyhurst College, Clitheroe's Platform Gallery, Browsholme Hall and the Settle to Carlisle railway which operates via Clitheroe too during summer months, are all on the doorstep.

If you enjoy walking, then the area is rich in well signposted footpaths suitable to all ages and abilities. If you prefer to walk in company, then there are numerous walking groups, including a thriving branch of the Ramblers' Association, offering guided walks throughout the week.

