

## **Neighbours**

### **Quarry Bank Mill, window on our industrial past, sits** next to Manchester Airport, gateway to the world.

**The River Bollin** is a short tributary of the Mersey which rises in the Pennine foothills. It now flows into the Manchester Ship Canal near Warburton.

The Bollin Valley Partnership started as a pioneering experiment in 1972, managing land around towns for wildlife, farming and recreation. We now look after over 100 miles (160 Km) of way-marked paths; several picnic sites; a Country Park and Visitor Centre; the Aviation Viewing Park; part of the Trans Pennine Trail; and coordinate the Bollin section of the Mersey Basin Campaign.

We work with others to improve woodlands, ponds, grasslands and hedgerows, for both wildlife and people. Partnership Rangers, helped by an Education Group, also run a varied annual activity programme (please ring for a leaflet) which includes a Taster Day for people with disabilities.

Encouraging people to enjoy the countryside (preferably without a car) is an important part of our work. This leaflet is one of 5 indicating the Bollin Valley Way and other recreational routes and opportunities diagrammatically. For more detail, please refer to OS Explorer Maps 268 and 276. See www.ordsvy.gov.uk.

The 25 mile (40Km) **Bollin Valley Way** from Macclesfield Riverside Park to Partington gives walkers a feel for the Valley's variety. It ranges from views of the hills above Macclesfield, through fields and woodlands, towns and villages, under and over roads, railways and canals and past Manchester Airport, to the industries near Manchester Ship Canal.

Please remember: most of these walks cross private farm land. Keep to the paths, take all litter home, fasten gates and keep your dog under control. Country paths are not pavements, so wear sturdy footwear and be prepared for the British weather. Not all paths shown are managed by the Bollin Valley Partnership.

**People with disabilities.** Sadly it is impracticable to make all country footpaths fully accessible, although ambulant but less mobile visitors will find many paths in the Valley suitable because they are reasonably level - please ring and check. However, the Aviation Viewing Park is wheelchair accessible, as are much of the Carrs in Wilmslow and Quarry Bank Mill and the Styal estate (National Trust). See www.cheshireforall.com or ring 01244 603107 for more details.

**Around the Airport.** Since completion of Runway Two, a comprehensive environmental package has restored and enhanced the scenic beauty of the surrounding area. Acres of new scrub, woodland and wildflower grassland, 5km of hedgerows, 46 new ponds, bat barns and other wildlife habitats enhance new pathways and the Airport's Orbital Cycleway which complement the Bollin Valley

Passengers, visitors and local employees, indeed anyone can access these rural routes via the Airport's new public transport interchange: the relaxing, spacious surroundings of 'The Station' bring bus, coach, rail, cycling and eventually Metrolink travel under one roof.

Maps showing cycle routes around the airport in greater detail are available from the airport cycle centre (See Below)

#### **Bollin Valley Partnership funding partners:**

- Cheshire County Council
- Environment Agency
- Manchester Airport Mersey Basin Campaign
- Macclesfield Borough Council
  - Trafford Metropolitan Borough Council

#### Contacts for further information:

Bollin Valley Partnership: Countryside Area Manager, Macclesfield Town Hall, Market place, Macclesfield, SK10 1EA. Tel 01625 534790, Email bollin@cheshireeast.gov.uk

Aviation Viewing Park, Wilmslow Old Rd, off A538 Altrincham Rd, Ringway (Bollin Valley Partnership. For separate leaflet about the Park. ring 01625 534790.) 01625 534790, bollin@cheshire.gov.uk

Cheshire Cycleway (National Cycle Network, NCN 70) leaflets from Bollin Valley or Cheshire Countryside Management Service countryside@cheshire.gov.uk, www.cheshire.gov.uk/countryside or /cycling

#### **Quarry Bank Mill and Styal Estate** (National Trust)

Georgian working water-powered cotton mill; Apprentice house and garden; colony village of Styal; riverside woodland walks. 01625 527468, quarrybankmill@nationaltrust.org.uk, www.quarrybankmill.org.uk.

**Buses:** 200 'Styal Shuttle' Manchester Airport-Styal (daily, hourly, every journey calls at the Mill).

Manchester Airport Cycle Centre open Tues, Wed, Thurs for information, repairs etc. (situated in The Station, Manchester Airport) 0161 489 3487, cyclecentre@manairport.co.uk

#### **Manchester Airport Tourist Information Centres**

Terminal 1: 0161 436 3344, miat1@nwtb2.u-net.com Terminal 2: 0161 489 6412. miat2@nwtb2.u-net.com

#### **Wilmslow Tourist Information Centre**

01625 522275, wiltic@macclesfield.gov.uk

Rail Services: ring 08457 48 49 50

Bus Services: The services shown overleaf run at least 5 days/week. For full details of all bus services ring Traveline on 0870 608 2 608 (or 01625 534850 for Cheshire journeys, traveline@cheshire.gov.uk 0161 228 7811 for Greater Manchester).



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- A Dunham Massey
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- Macclesfield Forest / **Trentabank**

# THE BOLLIN VALLEY WAY



& other recreational routes between Wilmslow & Hale Barns including Manchester Airport

3<sub>45</sub> Neighbours









