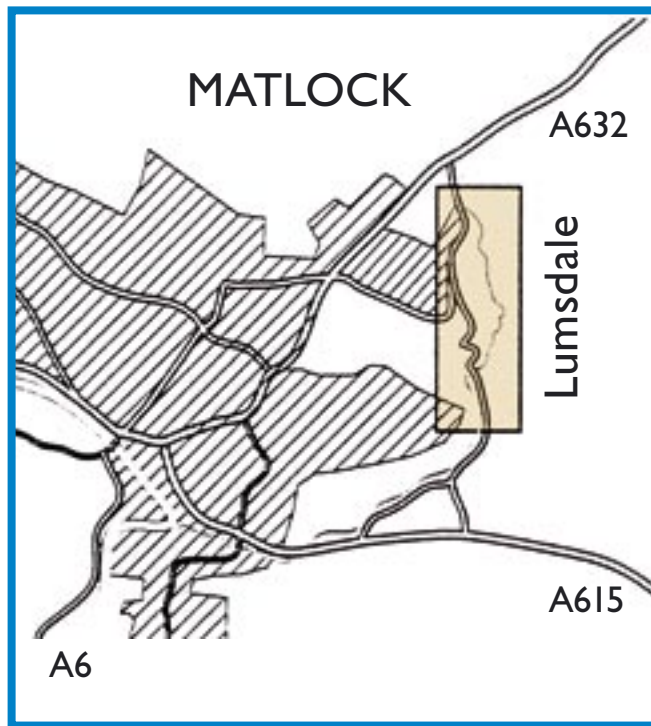




Drawing by Sarah Burgess
of the chimney which served
the Bleach Works lower
down the valley



Details of guided tours of the Lumsdale Valley

are available from the Arkwright Society at:
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Slide Lectures can also be arranged by calling
Visitor Services at Cromford.

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THE HIDDEN VALLEY



THE LUMSDALE VALLEY is an outstandingly beautiful area with a very interesting history. The Bentley Brook flows through a small wooded gorge, and within a relatively short distance you can see the remains of six waterwheels and three ponds — perhaps the most concentrated evidence of early water power in Britain.

Nature has reclaimed its hold the whole valley, and where there was once the noise and dirt of numerous industrial processes there is now a pleasant atmosphere of romantic decay.

The site is owned by the Arkwright Society and is open to the public. During the summer guided tours are provided, and details of these available at Cromford Mill or on the Arkwright Society's website.



Detail of the stone which held the axle of the waterwheel at the Paint Mill



A view of the bridge by the Lower Pond



The large trough, carved from a single block of stone, used in the bleaching process



A waterfall in the Lumsdale Valley



The sun shining through the leaves gives the ruined mills a romantic atmosphere