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From paper mill to new food hall



Incredible transformation for historic site which has had 180 years of production, three fires, two floods and an explosion

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Ilkley: This house has five double bedrooms, a separate study, integral garage and south-facing garden and is walking distance of schools. www.dacres.co.uk



£575,000

Wheatley Lane, Ilkley: This terraced house is the former village post office in Ben Rhydding and has four bedrooms, a terraced area and space to park. www.hunters.com



£235,000

Sefton Drive, Ilkley: This three bedroom apartment has a dual aspect sitting room, shower room, cloakroom, garage and gardens. www.daleeddison.co.uk

The house requires a programme of modernisation and has a porch, sitting room, kitchen and three bedrooms, two with en-suites. The property has central heating and double glazing and there is a forecourt garden to the front and a garden to the rear.

There is easy access to Brighouse town centre and the M62. www.auctionhouse.co.uk/manchester



Farmhouse with land on market

For sale: This beautiful six bedroom farmhouse with 13 acres in the sought-after village of Wike is all set to attract buyer interest.

On the market with Beadnall Copley for £2m, it dates from the 1700s and was originally part of the Harewood Estate. The land includes three fields and exquisite gardens. The property also has stunning, far-reaching views over countryside and a range of stone barns, stables and outbuildings which offer fantastic opportunity for redevelopment.

Accreditation gives boost for Sky-house

Scheme: Innovative South Yorkshire property developer Sky-house Co has received a Buildoffsite Property Assurance scheme accreditation.

BOPAS is a risk based evaluation which demonstrates to funders, lenders, valuers and purchasers that homes built from non-traditional methods and materials will stand the test of time for at least 60 years.

Sky-house co-founder David Cross says: "It means we can develop new modular and semi-modular homes as we push to become even more eco-friendly."

Chance to develop in Leeds city centre

Land: A prime site in Leeds city centre has been brought to the market with full planning permission for 345 apartments and commercial space.

The 2.17-acre site, which is off the key Leeds gateway of East Street, the A61, is being sold by Savills Yorkshire-based development team.

It includes two cleared parcels of development land on either side of Bow Street with the larger plot extending to 1.84 acres.

Savills say it is "a rare opportunity to create a landmark development."

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most property types in most locations.

"We expect that this measure will continue to rise during the rest of the year as buyer demand levels start to fall, punctured by changing sentiment around the cost of living and personal finances.

Another signal that the market is starting to soften is the number of properties where asking prices are being cut by more than five per cent. Some one in 20 properties has been re-priced this month, with the average new asking prices some nine per cent below the original. The annual rate of price growth will ease this year, on a monthly basis, price growth has already moderated. A continuation of this trend, even with some small monthly declines, means price

growth will reach three per cent by the end of the year."

Over at the Nationwide, Robert Gardner, Chief Economist, reported a slight slowing in annual UK house price growth to 11.2 per cent, from 12.1 per cent in April. Prices rose by 0.9 per cent month-on-month.

He expects the housing market to slow as the year progresses and says: "Household finances are likely to remain under pressure with inflation set to reach double digits in the coming quarters if global energy prices remain high.

"Measures of consumer confidence have already fallen towards record lows and the Bank of England is expected to raise interest rates, which will also exert a cooling impact on the market if this feeds through to mortgage rates."



The 1880s warehouse and cottages are all that remain of the huge paper production factory site

triggering a period of turbulence. In the same year, the River Don burst its banks and the old factory was swept away in the torrent. This triggered a period of rebuilding and repair works.

In 1870 an explosion destroyed machinery installed only 18 months earlier and papermaking ceased.

Peter and Joseph Dixon bought the mill, which was then in 'complete disrepair' for a moderate price in 1871. They were established papermakers and adapted the mill to focus on newsprint.

Their timing was good. The education act of 1870 was increasing literacy in the country and the cost of books and periodicals was falling.

The 1890s would see circulation wars between new popular newspapers such as the Daily Mail and Daily News. Another attraction for the Dixons was the railway line across the river.

In 1888 a branch line was constructed into the works from 'Oughty Bridge Station'.

This gave a double advantage, enabling newsprint to be shipped out but also bringing wood pulp in. In 1897 the first buildings were erected on the eastern banks, including a fac-



The familiar building from Langsett Road North

tory that housed paper making machinery. Unfortunately, two fires in quick succession decimated the mill. A major fire in 1917 also left Spring Grove gutted.

The Dixons were one of the first papermakers to recognise the potential of wood pulp. In 1967 a new company was formed between Dixons, Inveresk and Associated Tis-

sues under the new trading name of British Tissues.

It was acquired by Georgia Pacific and then hygiene products manufacturer SCA, the final operator.



The River Don flows through the site