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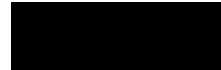
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OLDHAM LOCAL LIST – CHADDERTON SOUTH

Historical Overview of Chadderton

Historically part of Lancashire, Chadderton's early history is marked by its status as a manorial township, with its own lords, who included the Asshetons, Chethams, Radclyffes and Traffords. Chadderton in the Middle Ages was chiefly distinguished by its two mansions, Foxdenton Hall and Chadderton Hall, and by the prestigious families who occupied them. The first known written record of the name Chadderton is in a legal document relating to land tenure, in about 1220. Farming was the main industry of the area, with locals supplementing their incomes by hand-loom woollen weaving in the domestic system.

Chadderton's urbanisation and expansion coincided largely with developments in textile manufacture during the Industrial Revolution and the Victorian era. A water-powered cotton mill was built at Chadderton's Stock Brook in 1776. The construction of multi-storey steam powered mills followed, which initiated a process of urbanisation and cultural transformation in the region; the population increasingly moved away from farming and domestic weaving in favour of the mechanised production of cotton goods.

A late 19th-century factory-building boom transformed Chadderton from a rural township into a major mill town and the second most populous urban district in the United Kingdom. More than 50 cotton mills had been built in Chadderton by 1914. A social consequence of this industrial growth was a densely populated metropolitan landscape. However, Chadderton developed an abundance of civic institutions including public street lighting, Carnegie library, public swimming baths and council with its own town hall.

Although Chadderton's industries declined in the mid-20th century, the town continued to grow as a result of suburbanisation and urban renewal. The legacy of the town's industrial past remains visible in its landscape of red-brick cotton mills and its associated industrial townscape.

Candidates for Local Listing in Chadderton South

Property Name and Photo	Former Bank – HER 17947.1.0 
Property Address	362 Manchester Road, Chadderton, Oldham, OL9 7PG
Significance	<i>Historic Interest:</i> The Ordnance Survey 1:500 Town Plan identifies the bank as the end property in a terrace of eight. The Ordnance Survey 1:2,500 map of 1909 shows the building as a bank but with the built form having expanded to cover the rear yard and fill the entire curtilage. By 1922 the bank had expanded to subsume two of the neighbouring houses. The current building corresponds to that footprint. <i>Architectural Interest:</i> The built form is flat roofed and has an overall height that broadly equates with the earlier two-storey neighbouring houses. The street elevations are in stone and to a neo-baroque style associated with

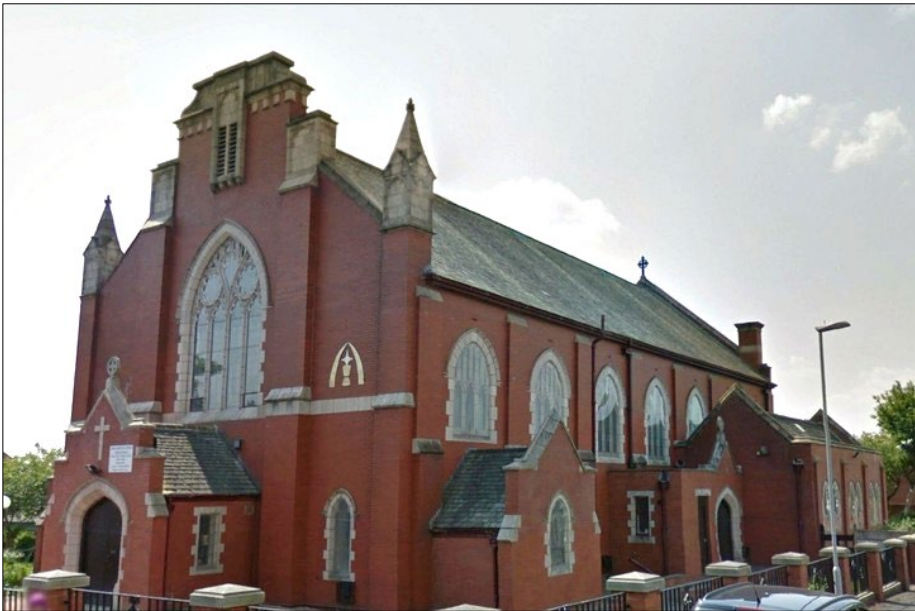
	Edwardian-era architecture and designed to exude a sense of wealth, confidence and solidity. The main entrance to Manchester Road is particularly impressive. <i>Local Interest:</i> The building represents a part of the story of the evolution of this locality and reflects the economic prosperity of Chadderton in the later 19th century. <i>Aesthetic Interest:</i> The building makes a considerable contribution to the streetscape within which it is located. <i>Group Value:</i> The bank has a group value with other local banks that developed during the late 19th century. <i>Landmark Interest:</i> A notable building within the streetscape through the corner location, use of stone and robust design.
Score	9

Property Name and Photo	Former Golden Buck – HER 17948.1.0 
Property Address	324 Manchester Road, Chadderton, Oldham, OL9 7ES
Significance	<i>Historic Interest:</i> An advertisement printed in April 1786 announced 'a newly erected messuage or dwelling house with its appurtenances' that was for sale or let. The house was said to be licensed to sell ale, etc, and lay on the new turnpike road from Manchester to Oldham. Identified as the Buck Inn on the Ordnance Survey 1st Edition 1:10,560 map of 1848. <i>Architectural Interest:</i> A part three-, part two-storey, detached former public house (in use as an Indian restaurant in 2021). The building is of brick construction with stone used as quoins and also for window sills and lintels; the window surrounds on the ground floor, and the pilasters flanking the centrally placed main entrance in the front elevation, similarly employ stone.

	<i>Local Interest:</i> The building is one of the few older properties remaining in this locality and represents an important link within the story of the urban evolution of the area. As a former public house, it will have some communal value. <i>Aesthetic Value:</i> The building makes a considerable contribution to the streetscape within which it is located. <i>Social / Communal Value:</i> As a former public house that has served generations of local residents, it will have some communal value. <i>Landmark Status:</i> The inn occupies a prominent location on Manchester Road, and is notable as one of the small number of historic buildings in the immediate locale.
Score	11

Property Name and Photo	Hardman House & No.40 Hardman Street – HER 17949.1.0 
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Property Address	Hardman Street, Chadderton, Oldham, OL9 7HE
Significance	<i>Historic Interest:</i> Hardman Fold is annotated on the Ordnance Survey 1st Edition 1:10,560 map of 1848 but the age of the property is unknown. Hardman House today comprises a tall, two-storey, double-fronted, double-pile property. The lower house abutting the north-east gable of Hardman House (No.40 Hardman Street) is understood to originally have been a two-storey range to Hardman House with their combined linear footprint being at 45 degrees to the surrounding streets, which are laid out in a grid pattern. The building is annotated as Hardman Fold on the OS 1:500 Town Plan of 1892 but the building is shown as a pair of houses with differing plan forms and with limited areas of associated within-curtilage space. <i>Architectural Interest:</i> Hardman House is a modest, two-storey, double-fronted house with a double-pile plan form with two parallel roof ridges. Three chimneys are present but a fourth would have been expected at the eastern end of the south-eastern range. <i>Local Interest:</i> The building is one of the earliest buildings in the locale and is shown on the OS map of 1848 to have benefitted from a rural prospect, encompassed by fields. <i>Aesthetic Value:</i> The building makes a considerable contribution to the aesthetic quality of the locale. <i>Landmark Status:</i> The property is notable for its age and siting relative to other buildings in the locale, and is a rare reminder of the early 19th-century landscape.
Score	9

Property Name and Photo	Corpus Christi Roman Catholic Church – HER 17950.1.0 
Property Address	Derby Street, Chadderton, Oldham, OL9 7HX
Significance	<i>Historic Interest:</i> A Roman Catholic church erected in 1933 and first shown on the Ordnance Survey 1:10,560 map of 1938. The Ordnance Survey 1:2,500 map of 1909 shows a building on a nearby site (with frontages to Church Street and Simpson Street) annotated 'Corpus Christi R. C. Church'. Presumably the current church replaced this earlier one. <i>Architectural Interest:</i> Designed by HA Yearsley in a conservative Gothic-Revival style, the church has a rectangular plan and is of brick construction with stone detailing and a slated gable roof. The building appears virtually complete in terms of the original design, built form and architectural detailing and elevation materials (including roof). <i>Local Interest:</i> The church seated around 560 worshippers, reflecting the area's growing suburban expansion. <i>Aesthetic Value:</i> The building makes a positive contribution to the historic character and aesthetic quality of the area.

	<i>Social / Communal Value:</i> The church has served the local community for a century and several generations of local residents will have personal association with the building, providing them with a sense of place. <i>Group Value:</i> The church has a group value with the adjacent presbytery. <i>Landmark Status:</i> The church occupies a prominent position at the junction of Whiteley Street with Derby Street.
Score	10

Property Name	Corpus Christi Presbytery – HER 17951.1.0 
Property Address	Derby Street, Chadderton, Oldham, OL9 7HY

Significance	<i>Historic Interest:</i> The presbytery is contemporaneous with the adjacent Corpus Christi Roman Catholic Church, which appear to have been built as a single phase of development and first shown on the Ordnance Survey 1:10,560 map of 1938. <i>Architectural Interest:</i> A detached, double-fronted, two-storey house linked to the adjacent church. The building is principally in red brick with limited stonework and mostly has a pitched slate roof. To the rear is a two-storey flat-roofed element that appears as an early extension but could be original. Some original cast-iron rainwater goods also appear to survive. <i>Aesthetic Value:</i> The building makes a positive contribution to the historic character and aesthetic quality of the area. <i>Social / Communal Value:</i> The presbytery is a part of a church complex that has served the local community for a century and several generations of local residents will have personal association with the building, providing them with a sense of place. <i>Group Value:</i> The presbytery has a group value with the adjacent church. <i>Landmark Status:</i> In terms of built form and presence it is the church rather than the more subserviently scaled presbytery that is the landmark within the locality.
Score	9

**Property Name
and Photo**

Stanley Road Community Primary School – HER 17952.1.0



Property Address

Derby Street, Chadderton, Oldham, OL9 7HX

Significance	<i>Historic Interest:</i> Erected in 1903-05 to a design by Charles T Taylor of Oldham, with the foundation stone having been laid on 24th October 1903. <i>Architectural Interest:</i> The building is principally in Accrington brick, with tawny buff terracotta used both within the brickwork to provide elevation banding and to accentuate arched head window detailing and also to provide more articulated features such as door heads, window cills, gable features and tops of gate posts. The original boundary wall topped with railing and associated gates and masonry gate posts have been retained to Derby Street. Despite various changes, externally the original built form remains largely intact and sufficiently legible to be able to appreciate the original form and appearance. <i>Aesthetic Value:</i> The building makes a positive contribution to the historic character and aesthetic quality of the area. <i>Social / Communal Value:</i> The school has served the local community for over a century and several generations of local residents will have personal association with the building, providing them with a sense of place. <i>Group Value:</i> The school is of considerable value in its own right but also has group value with the adjacent Corpus Christi Roman Catholic Church and associated presbytery. <i>Landmark Status:</i> The building is a landmark in a residential area due to its notable design rather than through scale.
Score	10

Property Name and Photo	Stanley Road Railway Viaduct – HER 17953.1.0 
Property Address	Stanley Road, Chadderton, Oldham
Significance	<i>Historic Interest:</i> A single-span, skewed railway viaduct across Stanley Road, carrying the Hollinwood Branch Line of the Lancashire & Yorkshire Railway. The viaduct is shown on the Ordnance Survey 1st Edition 1:2500 map of 1893. <i>Architectural Interest:</i> The bridge is in brick other than limited stonework for the copings to the embankment walls and bridge parapet, a string course above each of the arched openings and a stone course to each side of the roadway tunnel that forms the springing point of the arched bridge over. It appears largely unaltered from the original build. <i>Local Interest:</i> The Thorpes Bridge to Oldham Werneth line (Hollinwood Branch) had originally been proposed in 1848. It was re-surveyed ten years later in 1858, but it was not until 13th January 1875 that the LYR authorised the

	funding of its construction. On 30th June 1875 a contract was let to a Mr Evans, and work commenced on 2nd August 1876. <i>Aesthetic Value:</i> A functional but attractive feature within the streetscape where the heritage significance could be better revealed by a reconsideration of the attached/applied signage without loss of their warning purpose. <i>Group Value:</i> The viaduct has a group value with other structural components of the historic railway route. <i>Landmark Status:</i> It is a notable feature on the route along Stanley Road.
Score	9

Property Name and Photo	The Sportman's Arms – HER 17954.1.0 
Property Address	1 Denton Lane, Chadderton, Oldham, OL9 9EA
Significance	<i>Historic Interest:</i> The Sportsman's Arms originated as a farmhouse for which James Whitehead obtained a licence to sell beer in c. 1794. The pub was rebuilt in 1914. <i>Architectural Interest:</i> This is a substantial, mostly two-storey building. It is predominantly in red brick with stonework limited to features such as the main entrance door surround and arched canopy, window cills, lintels and mullions, string courses and gable copings. Original external features including rainwater goods, timber windows, single-storey bow windows, and chimneys have survived.

	<i>Local Interest:</i> The inn was referred to as the Gamekeeper, with the Sportman's being first referred to in records for 1814. <i>Aesthetic Value:</i> The building makes a positive contribution to the streetscape and wider area despite the sterile setting of the various contiguous hard-surfaced forecourt areas, adjacent land and highways. <i>Social / Communal Value:</i> The public house has served the local community for over a century and several generations of local residents will have personal association with the building, providing them with a sense of place. <i>Group Value:</i> The public house has a functional historic association with the contemporaneous Broadway highway. <i>Landmark Status:</i> The public house is an attractive, historic building prominently located on a junction.
Score	9

Property Name and Photo	Raven Mill – HER 6028.1.0 
Property Address	Raven Avenue, Chadderton, Oldham, OL9 8PW
Significance	<i>Historic Interest:</i> Built by the Raven Mill Company in 1907. Ceased production 1959. <i>Architectural Interest:</i> Designed by the notable architect PS Stott. The brick-built spinning mill is five-storeys high and 33 x 5 bays. Steel and concrete internal structure. Flat roof. The engine house has been removed, although the boiler house and chimney are still standing and intact. The warehouse is red brick built and of two storeys. The legend "RAVEN" is on the chimney. <i>Aesthetic Value:</i> The mill makes an important contribution to the character and aesthetic quality of the historic textile-manufacturing townscape.

	<i>Group Value:</i> The mill has a strong group value with the adjacent Grade II listed Nile Mill as key elements of the textile-manufacturing townscape, and forms part of an important cluster of mills. <i>Social / Community Value:</i> Some local families may have a personal association with the mill as it provided employment for several generations, contributing to their sense of place. <i>Landmark Status:</i> The mill is a notable landmark feature on Raven Avenue.
Score	12

Property Name and Photo	Swan Mill – HER 5925.1.0 
Property Address	Foxdenton Lane, Chadderton, Oldham, M24 1QR
Significance	<i>Historic Interest:</i> Built by the Swan Spinning Co in 1875. Rebuilt after fire in 1922. Ceased production in 1959. <i>Architectural Interest:</i> Designed by the notable architect E Potts. The brick-built spinning mill is of six-storeys (including basement) and 18 x 6 bays. Early 20th-century engine house attached to the west end. Some embellished brick and stonework. <i>Aesthetic Value:</i> The mill makes an important contribution to the character and aesthetic quality of the historic textile-manufacturing townscape.

	<i>Group Value:</i> The mill has a strong group value with other former textile mills in the locale as key elements of the textile-manufacturing townscape. <i>Social / Community Value:</i> Some local families may have a personal association with the mill as it provided employment for several generations, contributing to their sense of place. <i>Landmark Status:</i> The mill is a notable landmark feature on Foxdenton Lane.
Score	10

**Property Name
and Photo**

Ram Mill – HER 6022.1.0



Property Address

Gordon Street, Chadderton, Oldham, OL9 9RH

Significance	<i>Historic Interest:</i> Built in 1907 by the Ram Spinning Co. Ltd. Taken over by Hagues Textiles Ltd after WWII and extended 1955. Ceased production in 1971. Refurbished as office accommodation. <i>Architectural Interest:</i> Designed by the notable architectural practice of Stott & Sons. The brick-built spinning mill is five-storeys high (plus a basement) and 29 x 5 bays. Steel and concrete internal structure. Flat roof. Ornate domed tower with terracotta brickwork. <i>Aesthetic Value:</i> The mill makes an important contribution to the character and aesthetic quality of the historic textile-manufacturing townscape. <i>Group Value:</i> The mill has a strong group value with other former textile mills in the locale as key elements of the textile-manufacturing townscape and forms part of an important cluster of mills. <i>Social / Community Value:</i> Some local families may have a personal association with the mill as it provided employment for several generations, contributing to their sense of place. <i>Landmark Status:</i> The mill is a notable landmark feature on Gordon Street.
Score	12

Property Name and Photo	Gorse Mill No 1 – HER 6023.1.0 
Property Address	Gorse Street, Chadderton, Oldham, OL9 9RJ
Significance	<i>Historic Interest:</i> Built in 1908 by Gorse Mill Ltd and occupied later by the Combined Egyptian Mills Ltd. Ceased production in 1959. <i>Architectural Interest:</i> Designed by the notable architect PS Stott. The brick-built spinning mill is 38 x 5 bays. Steel and concrete internal structure. Flat roof. Restrained embellishments to the brickwork. A tower with a pyramidal top is to the south-west corner. <i>Aesthetic Value:</i> The mill makes an important contribution to the character and aesthetic quality of the historic textile-manufacturing townscape. <i>Group Value:</i> The mill has a strong group value with other former textile mills in the locale as key elements of the textile-manufacturing townscape and forms part of an important cluster of mills.

	<i>Social / Community Value:</i> Some local families may have a personal association with the mill as it provided employment for several generations, contributing to their sense of place. <i>Landmark Status:</i> The mill is a notable landmark feature on Gorse Street.
Score	11

Property Name and Photo	Ace Mill – HER 6024.1.0 
Property Address	Oldham Broadway, Chadderton, Oldham, OL9 8LS
Significance	<i>Historic Interest:</i> Built as Gorse Mill No.2 prior to 1914. Cotton spun for the first time in 1919 by the Ace Mill Ltd. Ceased production in 1967. <i>Architectural Interest:</i> Designed by the notable architect PS Stott. The brick-built spinning mill is six-storeys high and 12 x 6 bays. Steel and concrete internal structure. Flat roof. Restrained embellishments. Tower to the north-west corner. The engine house is attached to the north-east corner. <i>Local Interest:</i> The mill was requisitioned in 1918 to form part of the Oldham Aircraft Factory; the main assembly shed for this was built alongside the mill. <i>Aesthetic Value:</i> The mill makes an important contribution to the character and aesthetic quality of the historic textile-manufacturing townscape.

	<i>Group Value:</i> The mill has a strong group value with other local textile mills and forms part of an important cluster of mills. <i>Social / Community Value:</i> Some local families may have a personal association with the mill as it provided employment for several generations, contributing to their sense of place. <i>Landmark Status:</i> The mill is a notable landmark feature on Oldham Broadway.
Score	11