

LEEDS: 21ST CENTURY LANDSCAPES

A Geographer's Exploration

The city and district of Leeds contains a remarkable variety of landscapes. Geographer and local historian Anthony Silson takes us on a journey across the these widely differing landscapes looking why they exist, at the changes that have occurred and why some areas have changed and others have not.

From central Leeds, with its towering cranes, civic buildings shops and offices, into the borderlands with its many new tall buildings, we travel through the inner city landscapes of late-nineteenth and early-twentieth century terraced housing. Further out from the centre are the suburbs with their characteristic semi-detached houses and then the villas and mansions of the landscapes of prosperity. All these give way in turn to rural Leeds with its villages, farmed land, which includes vineyards and alpaca rearing, and eventually, moorland.

Illustrated throughout, the book intends to inform and encourage visitors and residents alike to explore areas of the city with which they may be unfamiliar..

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