

The Housing Estates of Baslow

Baslow Hall Estate 1930

The Hydro Hotel Grounds 1936

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In the early 1900s, the area north of Bridge End up to the parish boundary was open farmland – except for a few houses at the start of Calver Road.

In 1905 the vicar Jeremiah Stockdale was given a large plot near Stanton Ford, on which he built Baslow Hall, an imposing house surrounded by extensive gardens. After his death in 1907, the house was bought by Sebastian de Ferranti, a famous electrical engineer. In 1920 he took advantage of the sale of land by the Duke of Rutland to buy a number of fields near the house and also the old mill on Calver road. This estate was sold after his death in 1930

The accompanying plan is based on the map of the sale. The yellow line marks the boundary of the estate. Each field was given a Lot number. Most of the lots, and also a few fields outside the estate, were bought by developers. Each development, outlined in green, had its own access roads with the original stone walls between them remaining intact. Some plots were subdivided (dotted green lines), notably those south of Baslow Hall. No space for allowed for public access between houses.

The old mill, but not the mill house, was part of the sale. Lot 16, 17 and 18 were sold together to become private land around the house High Meadows.

The blue circles represent house built since 1930 , light blue before 1945, dark blue after 1945
The estate around Gorse Ridge Drive and the adjoining roads was finally completed in the early 1970s: planning permission was granted provided an open space or amenity area was given to the Parish council: this is now managed as a Community Orchard. The thin red lines are footpaths.

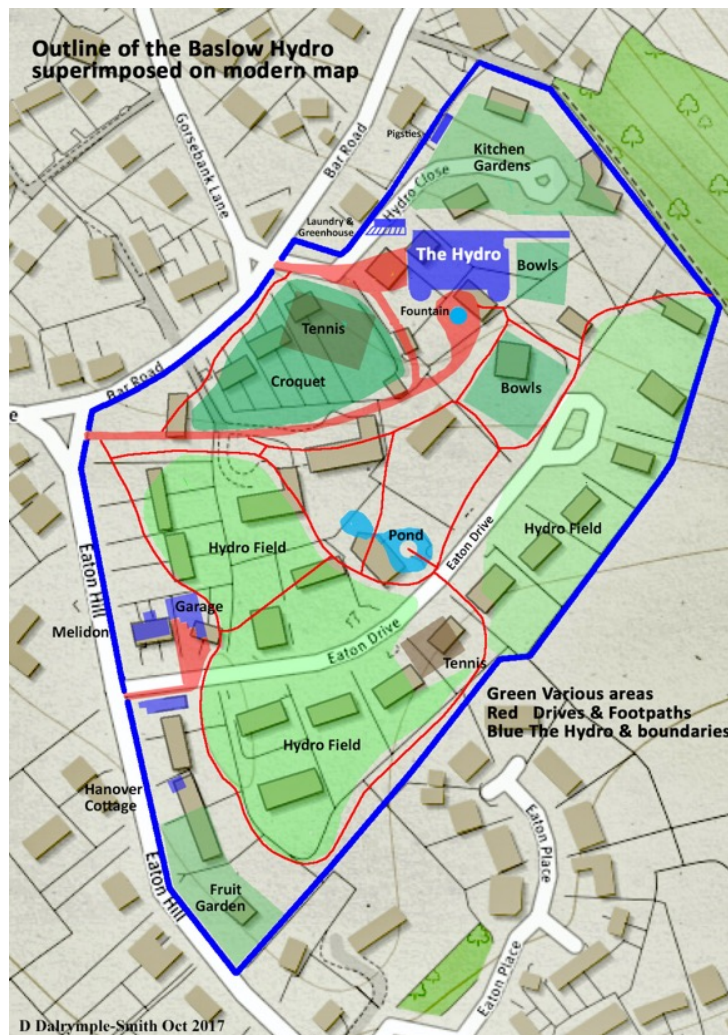
The Baslow Hydro and its Grounds

The Baslow Hydro was a large and ornate hotel, situated in 12 acres of grounds between Bar Road and Eaton Hill. It was completed in 1881, and thrived until the First World War. It never completely recovered after the war. It closed in 1930 and was demolished in 1936. The land was sold for development

Houses were built soon after along Bar Road and Eaton Hill, and in the kitchen gardens served by Hydro Close. The larger area south and east of the main drive remained fallow until the late 1960s when Eaton Drive and its houses were developed over a short period.

The plan, based on a modern map, displays the extent of the hotel and its main features.

PS I acknowledge use of the map issued by the Ordnance Survey



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