

# **Two Housing Estates in Baslow**

**Baslow Hall Estate 1930**

**The Hydro Hotel Grounds 1936**

## **The Baslow Hall Estate**

In the early 1900s, the area north of Bridge End up to the parish boundary was open farmland – except for a few houses on 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. He died two years later and the house was bought by Sebastian de Ferranti, an electrical engineer of national repute. In 1920 the Duke of Rutland sold off all his property in Baslow. De Ferranti bought land around his house, creating a small farm based on the old corn mill on Calver Road,

The 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.

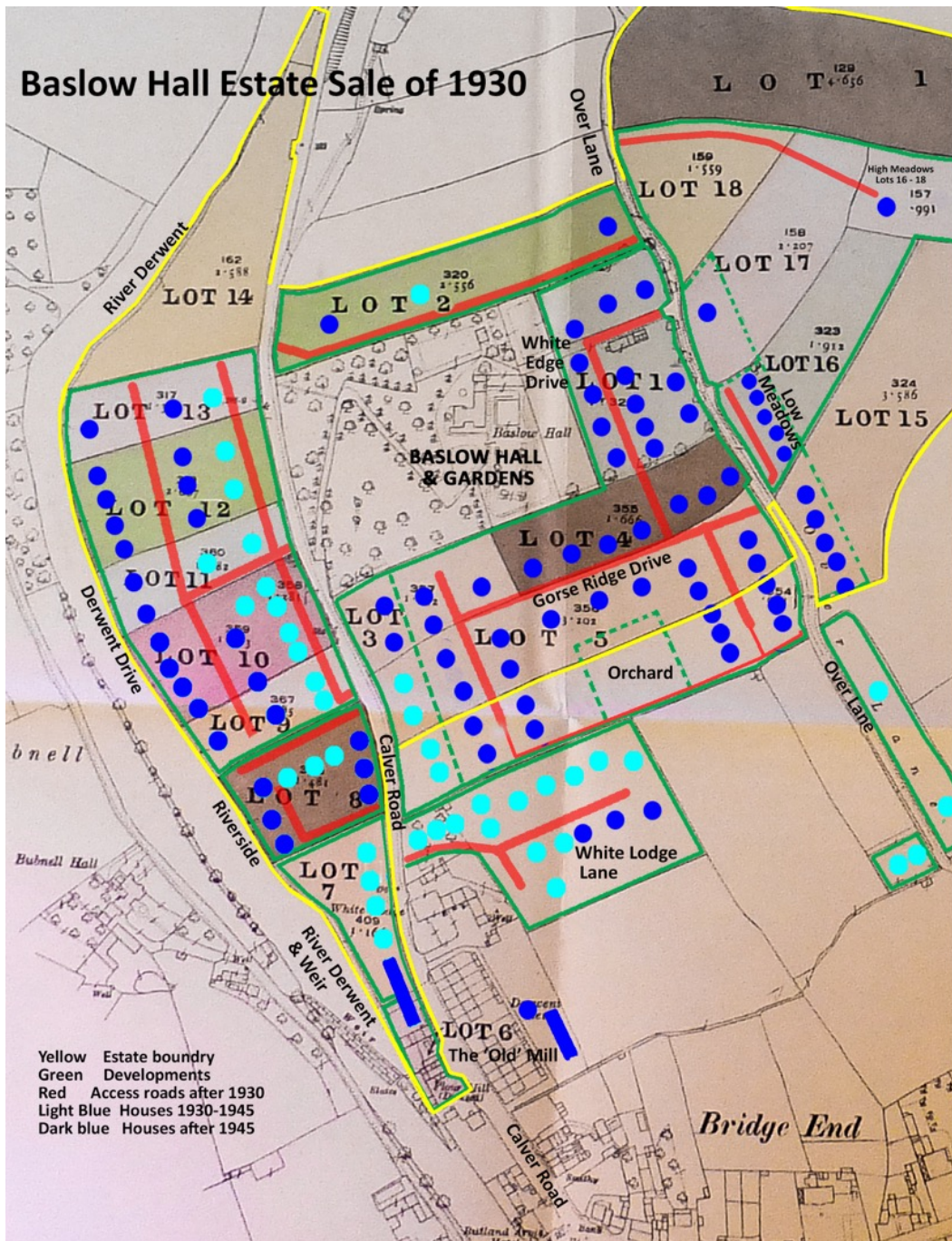
Most of the lots, (and also a few fields outside the estate,) were bought by developers for housing. The map below shows the individual development outlined in green. Each had its own access roads with the original stone walls between remaining intact. Some plots were subdivided (dotted green lines), notably those south of Baslow Hall. No space for allowed for public access between houses.

Most lots became streets with multiple houses. Lot 16, 17 and 18 was bought by one person for his house High meadows: it is still surrounded by open grassland. The old mill but not the mill house was part of the sale.

The blue circles on the map 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 thick red line on the map are roads, the thin lines are footpaths.

About 2010 part of the original Lot 16 was sold to a Housing Association who built Low Meadows, a group of 10 low cost houses.



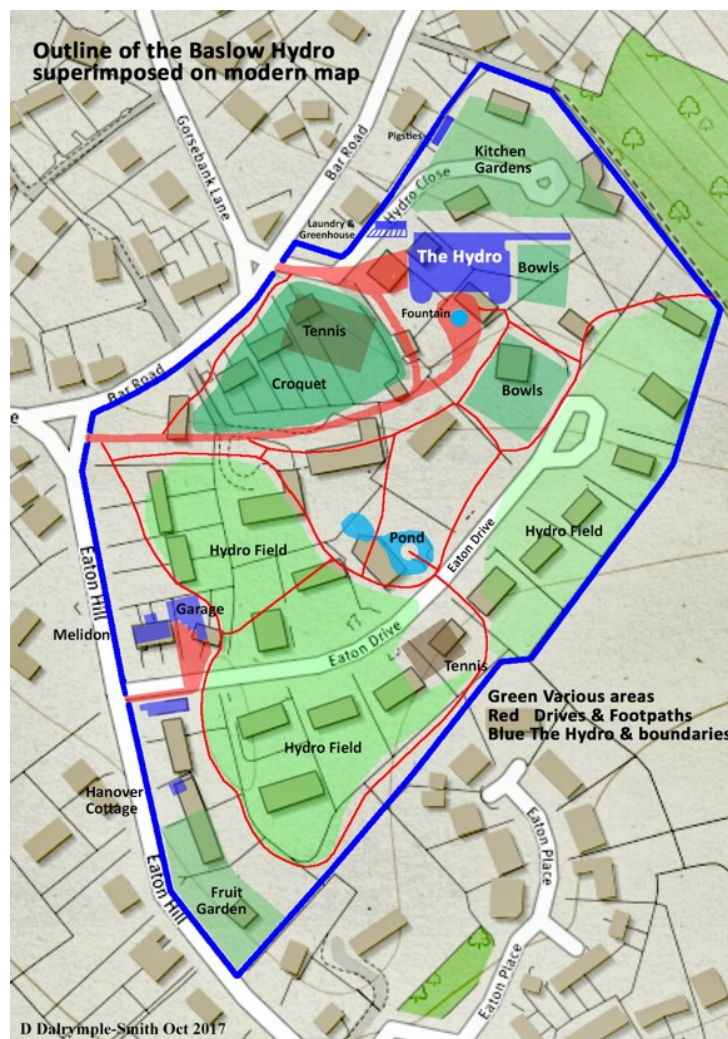


## The Baslow Hydro and its Grounds

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

The first houses were built along Bar Road and Eaton Hill, some before the 1839 war, some after. The kitchen gardens became 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, which is based on a modern map with today's houses, displays the extent of the hotel and grounds, and the position of some of the original features.



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