



John Mercer revolutionised the process of dyeing when he invented the Mercerisation process. This process involves treating cotton with a strong caustic alkaline solution to improve the materials properties which benefits the final dyeing of the cotton fibres.

John Mercer 1791 - 1866

### A Brief History Of Mercer Park

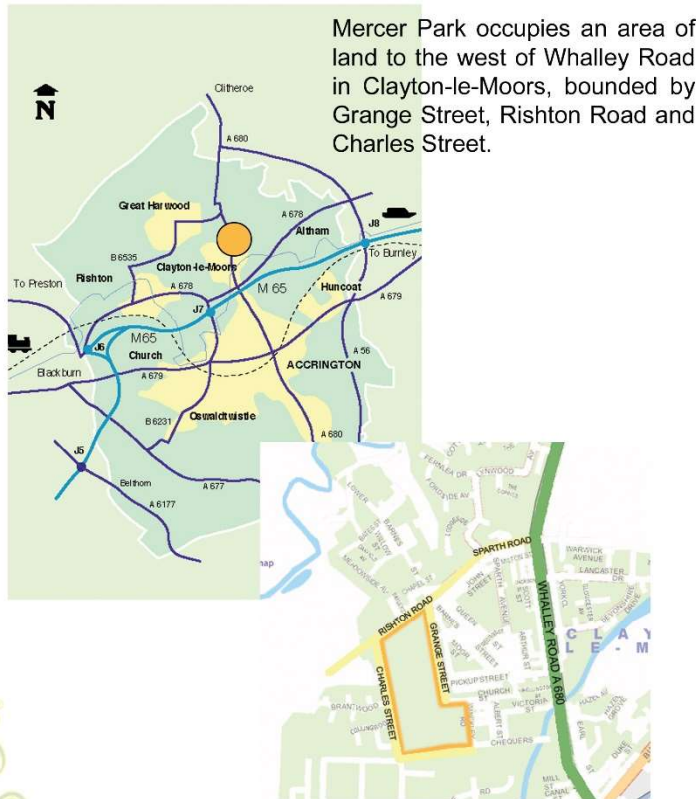
The land occupied by Mercer Park was originally common land between Great Harwood and Oakenshaw which was enclosed to provide grounds for Mercer House which was built in 1802 by Thomas Hargreaves.

Mercer House took its name from its most notable occupant John Mercer (1791-1866) whom became famous as 'the father of textile chemistry'. Mercer House and Park were left for use as a public museum and park under the terms of a charitable trust established in 1916 under the will of Miss Maria Mercer, John Mercers' last surviving daughter, who died in 1913.

### Mercer Park in the 21st Century



Mercer Park is very much a community Park and facilities within the park reflect this. It is a place for leisure and recreation for all ages and this is evident throughout the year. The park continues to evolve with the help of Friends of Mercer Park (FoMP) a local community group.



Mercer Park occupies an area of land to the west of Whalley Road in Clayton-le-Moors, bounded by Grange Street, Rishton Road and Charles Street.

#### By Car:

A680 heading north turn left turning into Sparth Road. Continue along Sparth Road to the mini-roundabout, straight on at the roundabout onto Rishton Road and Mercer Park is on the left hand side.

A680 heading south turn right into Sparth Road.

#### By Bus:

Hyndburn Circular bus numbers 6, 7, 231 and get off at the Sparth House

Mon to Sat (every 20 mins) Sun (every 60 mins)

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# MERCER PARK

## VISITORS GUIDE





**MERCER PARK** formerly comprises of the grounds of Mercer House, an imposing building that occupies a central position within the park. This is the only park within the Borough that occupies a flat site, making it easily accessible for people with disabilities. The park was recently awarded a Green Flag for excellence, come along and see if it is still flying!



Mercer House



Image courtesy of Prospects Foundation

Greater Spotted Woodpecker  
*Dendrocopos major*

Chiffchaff  
*Phylloscopus collybita*



#### Sponsor a tree.

A scheme is available for community groups and individuals alike to help the community and contribute to the development of the park in the form of donating a commemorative tree. Contact Hyndburn Borough Council for further details on 01254 356203.



#### KEY

1. Mercer House (Grade II Listed)
2. Disabled Patrons' Car Park
3. Football Pitch
4. Children's Playground
5. Concrete surface skateboard park
6. Outdoor gym
7. Bowling Green
8. Multi-use games area
9. War Memorial (Grade II Listed)
10. Youth Shelter
11. Sensory Garden



YELLOW WALK 406 metres (approx ¼ mile)



ORANGE WALK 762 metres (approx ½ mile)



RED WALK 826 metres (approx ½ mile)

Play equipment is available for all ages and abilities on a level, open site. Equipment includes an Ariel Slide, Basket Swing and Multi-use play equipment along with more traditional apparatus such as Swings and Roundabouts. Two distinct areas cater for both toddlers and juniors (from 3 to 12 years of age) in a clean and safe environment.



5. Wheeled sports area



6. Outdoor gym

PLAY TIME