



This book covers the history of the village from the mid-19th century until a great deal of it disappeared during the 1970s. During the growth of the coal industry it grew rapidly during what was to be a brutal period for community. Researched over many years, with over a hundred illustrations it details the social life, living conditions and hardship endured at times during this period. Despite arduous working conditions, tragic pit disasters and industrial strife the community showed resilience and unity coming together staging annual carnivals and events.

Parts of this book cover subjects over a wider area within the parish of Audley such as health, public services and utilities. A chapter is devoted to those commemorated on the Talke memorial who lost their lives in WW1. It will appeal to family, local and coal mining historians.

Talke Pits

- a former North Staffordshire mining village

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