

Golcar and Slaithwaite are 2 traditional stone built weaving villages located in the distinct area known as the Colne Valley.

Golcar is located on a steep hillside described by Sir John Betjeman as 'Provence of the North' because of its 2/3/4 storey weaver's cottages and narrow ginnels. The village is also the location of Colne Valley Museum, a unique voluntary Museum (more than 40 yrs. old) illustrating the domestic life of a woollen weaver in the 1850's, housed in 4 listed weaver's cottages.



Slaithwaite in the valley bottom, has large stone mill buildings alongside Huddersfield Narrow Canal and railway line. Slaithwaite is the home of Totally Locally, local businesses which promote local produce and the whole area has a wealth of local hostellers and food outlets which cater for resident and visitors.



Both villages are surrounded by small former weaving hamlets linked by numerous public footpath routes, some formerly packhorse trails and later routes to the mills, schools, canal and railway, running up, down, around and along the valley side and bottom.



The area has a spectacular urban and rural landscape and a rich industrial heritage. Working collaboratively with the local Council, Golcar & Slaithwaite WAW aims to promote the area as a visitor destination, whilst at the same time working to improve and maintain the wealth of accessible paths and byways for the benefit of both visitors and residents.