

## Book Summary

# Hetton The Development of a Community

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This book originally written by the Photographic Section of the Hetton Community Association in 1973 was a notable milestone in the history and development of Hetton-le-Hole. Over the intervening time period of 35 years there have been many changes. The original presentation has been upgraded and many illustrations have been added to make it more readable. The early history of the town is covered followed by an emphasis on the industrial development particularly coal mining and the construction of the Hetton Railway in the 1820s.

There is a section on the working conditions of miners in the 19th century which incorporates details of the many disputes between miners and coal owners. This is followed by an examination of the living conditions of the families living in Hetton and the surrounding area, their housing, their diet, and health and education. The influences of religion in the early days is also covered as well as how mining families used their small amount of leisure time and the entertainment they engaged in.

Altogether an interesting and informative book which you will enjoy

