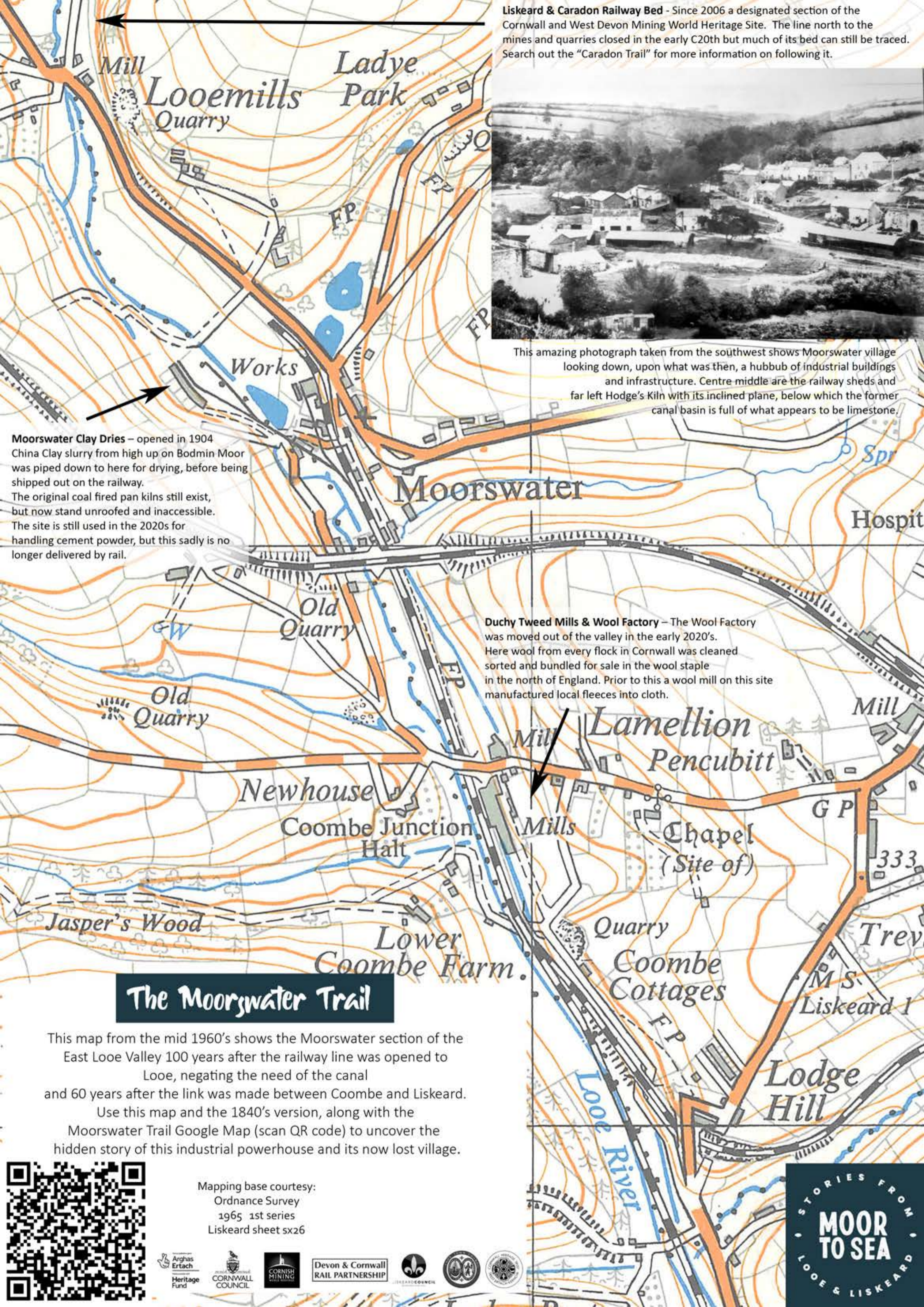


Liskeard & Caradon Railway Bed - Since 2006 a designated section of the Cornwall and West Devon Mining Bed World Heritage Site. The line north to the mines and quarries closed in the early C20th but much of its bed can still be traced. Search out the "Caradon Trail" for more information on following it.



This amazing photograph taken from the southwest shows Moorswater village looking down, upon what was then, a hubbub of industrial buildings and infrastructure. Centre middle are the railway sheds and far left Hodge's Kiln with its inclined plane, below which the former canal basin is full of what appears to be limestone.



Moorswater Clay Dries – opened in 1904 China Clay slurry from high up on Bodmin Moor was piped down to here for drying, before being shipped out on the railway. The original coal fired pan kilns still exist, but now stand unroofed and inaccessible. The site is still used in the 2020s for handling cement powder, but this sadly is no longer delivered by rail.

Duchy Tweed Mills & Wool Factory – The Wool Factory was moved out of the valley in the early 2020's. Here wool from every flock in Cornwall was cleaned sorted and bundled for sale in the wool staple in the north of England. Prior to this a wool mill on this site manufactured local fleeces into cloth.

The Moorswater Trail

This map from the mid 1960's shows the Moorswater section of the East Looe Valley 100 years after the railway line was opened to Looe, negating the need of the canal and 60 years after the link was made between Coombe and Liskeard. Use this map and the 1840's version, along with the Moorswater Trail Google Map (scan QR code) to uncover the hidden story of this industrial powerhouse and its now lost village.



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