

G6 River Roch and Tributaries

This area comprises the deeply incised and heavily wooded River Roch Valley between Heywood and Rochdale and its associated tributaries which flow in from the north. The River Roch meanders through the narrow valley flanked by notable steep slopes of ancient woodland and areas of more recent planting. The tributary valleys are unsettled while the main Roch Valley contains the small historic villages of Hooley Bridge and Crimble and the whole area retains a high rural character and sense of tranquillity. The Rochdale Way passes through this area offering access to a secluded and rural valley close to urban areas. In places this valley landscape is traversed by pylons.