

The VCH PROJECT

The main thrust of the present Victoria County History Project for Cumbria is to produce a detailed and comprehensive record of the history of every township/parish in the County (348 of them). At the same time there are aspects of the county's history which can only be described as county-wide concepts. When the VCH project first started, two volumes dealing with many of these for Cumberland were published [Vol I in 1901, Vol II in 1905]. The full list of the contents of these is available on these links [Vol 1](#) [Vol II](#).

The VCH for Lancashire was published in 8 volumes from 1906 to 1914. Vol 8 includes the histories of the individual townships of the Furness and Cartmel peninsulas which became part of Cumbria in 1974. The full text of this volume is available online at this link – [Lancashire Vol8](#).

It is self-evident that much has changed for most if not all of these topics in the time since then. Rather than re-write these earlier accounts, an attempt is being made to produce overview articles outlining the changes with pointers to where more detail may be found. These articles will only be published on the database.

Those already written are –

1. [Leisure and Tourism](#)
2. [Communications in Cumbria](#)
3. [The Industries and Economy of Cumbria](#)
4. [The Administration of Cumbria](#)
5. [Sport & Recreation](#)
6. [The Roman Era](#)