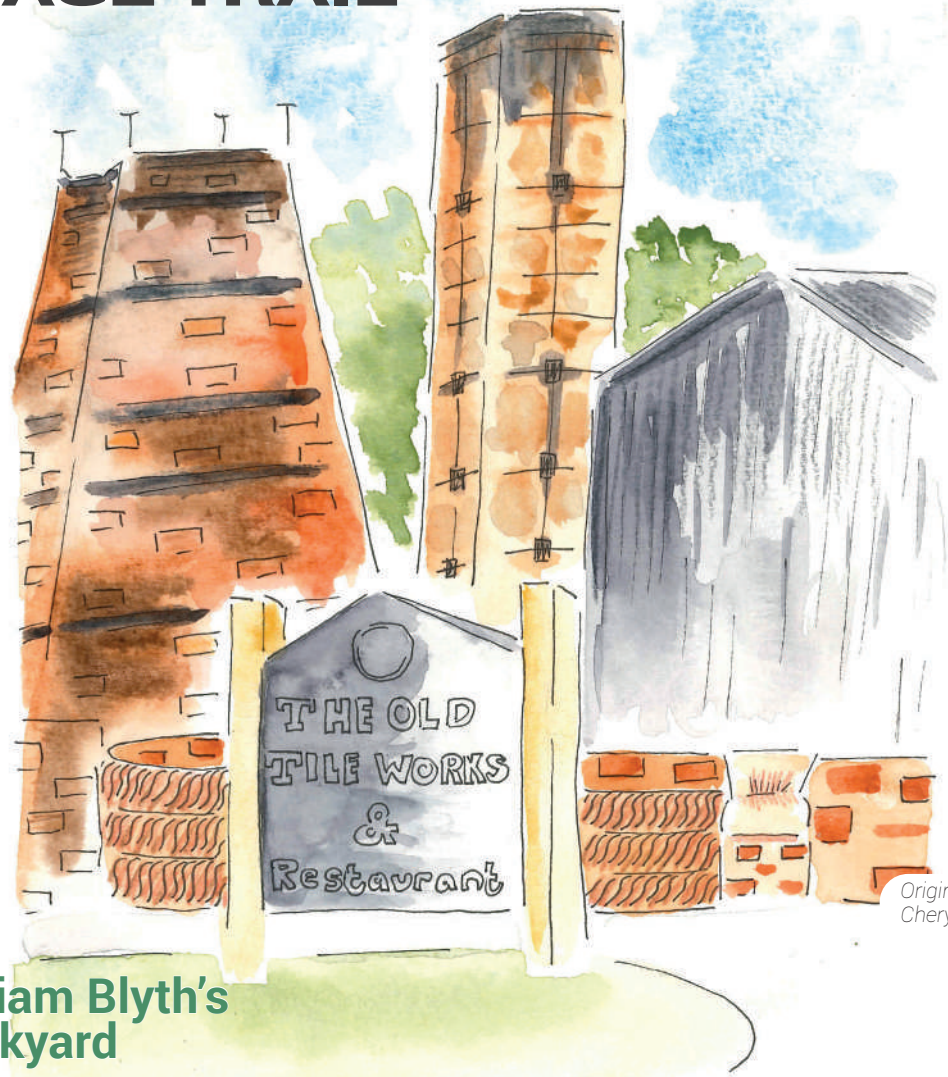


# *The Barton & Barrow Claypits* **HERITAGE TRAIL**



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## **William Blyth's Brickyard**

The footpath straightens out again in front of William Blyth's Hoe Hill Tile Works. You will see the tile works and its products stored in the yard.

William Blyth's brickyard was first established in 1840. Previous owners were George Houghton and Sons, and Eccles and Barton Brick and Tile Co. There have been several different types of kiln used at the brickyard during its history. These included open-top kilns, downdraught kilns and a massive 12-chambered Hoffman kiln. The site also used a tramway.

William Blyth Tileries still produces traditionally made tiles. There are no toxic chemicals used in manufacturing. It was owned by the same family for 150 years and manufactures handmade single lap tiles, plain tiles and fittings. Their method of producing tiles ensures a long life expectancy. William Blyth's brickyard covers 37 acres. The earliest record of brick and tile making in the area was the Henry Alcock brickyard at Hoe Hill in 1849.

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