

## The Moorside

693 Ripponden Road

Paul Cowper	1785-1822	Whitaker Jackson	1923-1924
John Cowper	1823-1824	Thomas Calland	1927-1942
Edward Cowper	1824-1825	James Shaw	1942-1957
Thomas Cocker	1825-1835	Ronald S Cole	1957-1960
John Cocker	1835-1838	David J Jackson	1960-1964
William Knight	1840-1843	Vernon Semple	1964-1968
Joseph Wood	1843-1869	Robert Didlick	1968-1970
William Wood	1869-1870	Wilfred Kenway	1970-1976
Joseph Wood (jun?)	1870-98	William Morrissey	1976-1977
George Hulme	1898-1900	Seamus A Mulkeen	1977-1980
Herva Collinson	1900-1904	Robert Didlick	1982-1984
Emma Collinson	1904-1906	Geoffrey C Armstrong	1984-7
William Taylor	1906-1914	Jennifer Armstrong	1987-1990
Thomas Taylor	1914-1920	Lorraine Lawton	1990-1992
Alice Taylor	1920-1923	Jacqueline Hampson	1992-

As early as 1601 Geoffrey Cowper, kept an alehouse in Oldham. Peter Cowper was also an housekeeper (from 1630 until his death in 1633), as was Catherine Cowper, a widow (in 1630). Just where these alehouses were situated I don't know, one belonging to a later Cowper can be identified. In 1785 Paul Cowper kept the Coal Miners Arms at Moorside Mill; by 1818 it was listed as the Colliers Arms. (John and Paul Cowper owned a colliery in 1780, the name. )

Apart from the original Cowper family, the pub's longest-serving landlords were the Woods. Joseph Wood, who took over in 1843 stayed for 26 years, despite having the occasional brush with the law. He was once fined 30/- for serving ale Sunday morning and in 1858 he was fined the same amount for opening on Good Friday. another Joseph Wood (his son?) took over in 1870 and he renamed the pub the Moorside in 1878.

The 1894 report mentions, four drinking rooms and three bedrooms, but there was no bathroom room and no accommodation for travellers. There were two horse stalls in an enclosed yard. The property was clean and in good repair and was owned by Thomas Mellodew & Co.

Gartside's Brewery of Ashton were the owners by 1904. There were major alterations at the Moorside in 1957 when a new outdoor shop was added to the building. This shop was licensed from 1958 until 1976. The Moorside became a Bass Charrington pub in 1969 and is owned by Bass North West today

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