

Anglo Saxon place names in Lancashire

Atherton - It means - 'a farm or village of a man named AÆthelhere.'

Blackrod - is named after the landscape in the area, 'blaec' and 'rodu', meaning 'dark clearing'.

Bolton - Bolton was a common name in the North of England and was originally derived from the terms 'bothl' and 'tun'. It means 'settlement with special building'.

Farnworth - means 'enclosure where ferns grow', named after the landscape.

Horwich - using the words 'har' and 'wice', Horwich means 'the grey wych-elms(s)'

Kearsley - using the old names of 'caerse' and 'leah'. It means 'the clearing where cress grows.'

Radcliffe - using the names 'read' and 'clif', referring to the red soil that settlers found in the area.

Rivington - Another name taken from the surrounding land as well as its purpose at the time, Rivington means 'farmstead at the rough or rugged hill'.

Westhoughton - Originally the name came from the term Westhalct. The name means 'westerly farmstead in a nook of land'.

