



SlawitSHOP! – 100 Years of Carr Lane Parade

In collaboration with Salwithwaite Moonraking Festival, we're inviting artists and creatives to make a response to the research from our latest project SlawitSHOP!

About the Project

In 1925, John Jagger built a parade of eight shops on Carr Lane in Slaithwaite. Over the past year, we've researched 100 years of their stories – from the shopkeepers and workers to the customers and everyday life of the village.

We've uncovered tales of:

- Jane Townend's newsagent's misdemeanour during the 1940 blackout
- The austere 'Fancy Draper', Mary Hobson, of 1925 to 1938
- Benny Parker's 1960s' speciality cheese shop
- Bangham's crumpets of the 1950s
- The mysteries of Bottomley... and many more!

What We're Looking For

We want artists, writers, performers and makers to bring these stories to life.

Your response could be:

- A song, poem or spoken word piece
- A short script or performance
- A visual artwork or illustration that tells a story
- Something surprising that we haven't thought of yet!



Commissions

We have a number of commissions available ranging from £200–£600 (including materials).

Selected works will be:

- Showcased in the SlawitSHOP! exhibition on 17th January 2026 in Slaithwaite
- Then displayed at the Colne Valley Museum for six weeks
- Digitised and linked by QR codes on plaques placed in each of the eight shops and stored at West Yorkshire Archives

How to Apply

Contact Sky Burton-Smith at slawitshop@gmail.com

Please send us a simple proposal outlining your idea and costs. Tell us:

- What you would like to create
- How it links to the SlawitSHOP! stories
- Any support you might need
- links to or examples of your work

Deadline for proposals: 15th September 2025

Notification of selection: 30th September 2025

Final work due: 15th December 2025

Get Involved

We'll provide background information, archive material and character stories to help inspire your work.

We're open to all art forms from local artists. Surprise us!

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