

SPIRIT OF LANCASHIRE **REPRINT**

Jon Sparks

Lancashire is one of the most diverse of England's counties, with scenery ranging from rocky coasts to lush green lowlands and high, lonely moors. There are cosy villages, lively towns and historic cities. There are world-famous landmarks and there are secret corners that few people know. This book is a celebration of that diversity.

Award-winning photographer Jon Sparks has lived and worked in Lancashire for most of his life and has explored it from end to end, in all weathers and using all manner of transport, but especially on foot and by bike. The result is an exceptional collection of photographs that truly captures Lancashire in all its variety and all its many moods.

Naturally there are sweeping landscape views: the vast tidal expanses of Morecambe Bay vividly reflect a colourful sunset and snow blankets the West Pennine Moors. There are reminders of the county's rich flora and fauna, from orchids to fallow deer. The vibrant urban scene is represented by Blackpool's famous illuminations and Lancaster's magnificent Georgian waterfront. And there are reminders too that Lancashire is a place where people live, work and play.

This book will delight every lover of Lancashire, and provide at least a few surprises for most. And for those who don't know the county so well, it is a great introduction to all it has to offer.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Jon Sparks is an award-winning photographer and writer. He has lived in Lancashire for most of his life. As a keen walker, climber and cyclist, as well as a photographer, he has explored the county thoroughly, and has produced guidebooks to the county for walkers and cyclists. Jon has also produced several books of photography, contributes to a range of magazines and has published greetings cards, postcards and calendars. He has now worked on five continents but still feels that Lancashire is a great place to come home to.

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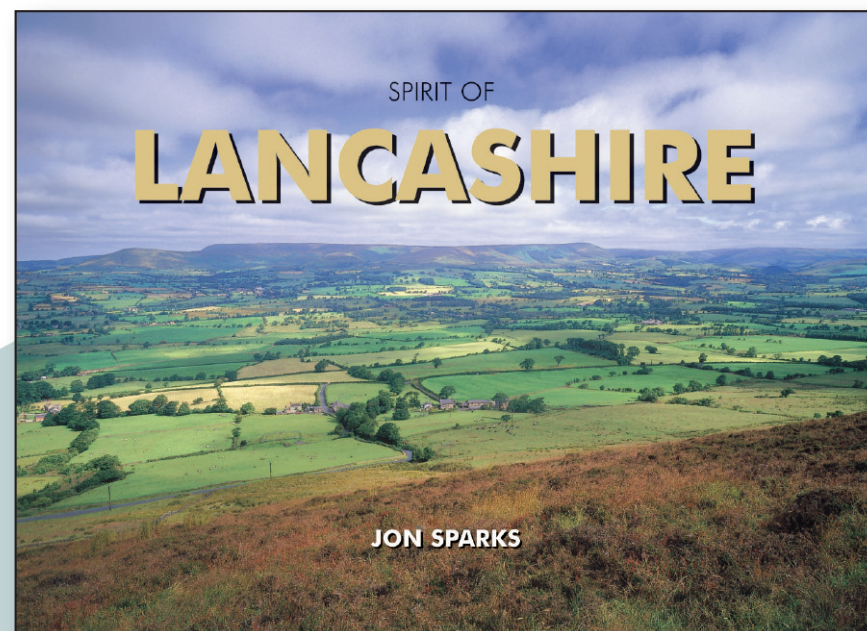
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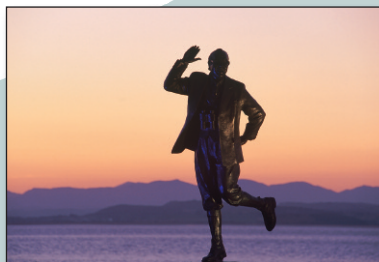
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Above: Littledale and Ward's Stone from Baines Crag.

Right: Eric Morecambe statue, Morecambe Promenade.



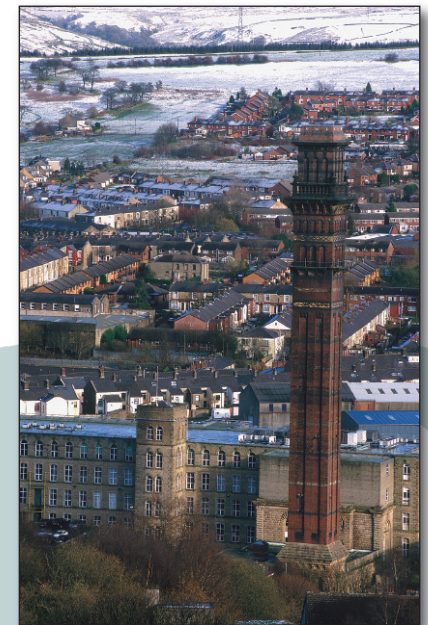
Wyresdale and the Bowland Fells
The Bowland Fells form a substantial block of high ground in the north of the county, reaching to within 10 kilometres of the coast.



River Lune near Leyn Bridge
The Lune is the most northerly of Lancashire's major rivers and the Lune valley has some of the county's loveliest scenery.

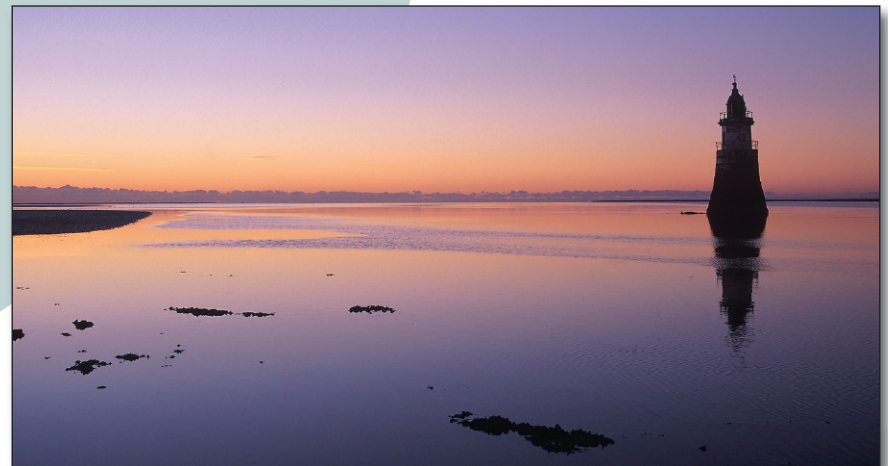


Above left: Leck Beck. This is the very edge of Lancashire – the boundary follows the beck – and the most northerly location in the book.



Above right: India Mill, Darwen. India Mill, and specifically its chimney, dominates the small town of Darwen. Dating from the 1860s, the chimney is 92m (just over 300 ft) high.

Below: Lighthouse in the Lune Estuary.



Example of a double-page spread.