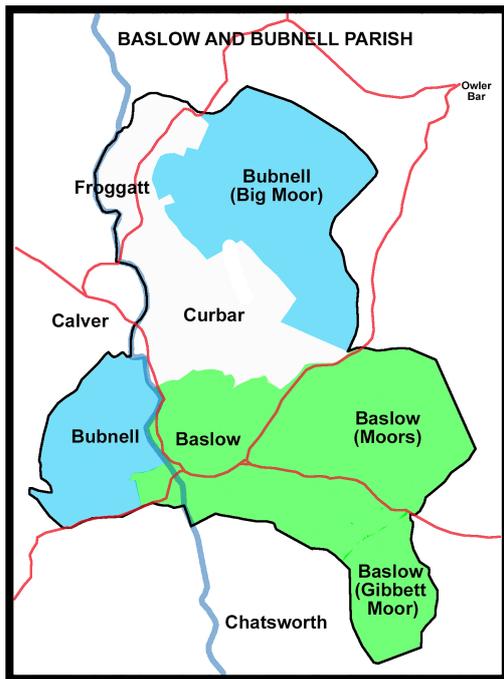


## The Parish of Baslow and Bubnell



The Parish of Baslow and Bubnell is a funny shape.

In the diagram, the shaded areas show the extent of the parish before Baslow (green) and Bubnell (blue) merged

The black line outlines the original Chapelry of Baslow. Other lines are modern roads and the river Derwent.

It all started over a thousand years ago when Baslow was part of the very large Parish of Bakewell. To make it feasible for inhabitants to attend church and bury their dead, Chapelries were created with a chapel and a curate to serve them. Our chapelry included Baslow Bubnell Curbar and Froggatt. The barren upper slopes and moorland included in the chapelry were Common Land, jealously guarded by the people.

Baslow and Bubnell were villages described in the Domesday Book. They remain today as (civil) villages or hamlets with boundaries at least in the valleys much the same as they were at the time of the Norman conquest. Curbar and the much smaller Froggatt are more recent.

The Enclosure Award map describes the situation in 1824. There were the Township of Baslow and the Hamlets of Bubnell, Curbar and Froggatt, all within the still functioning Chapelry of Baslow. By then communities had divided up their shares of the Common Land (mostly moorland). Baslow had the moors beyond Gardoms Edge and Gibbett Moor. Curbar had Eaglestone Flatt and the fields north and east of Curbar Gap. Froggatt had a small area on Stoke Flatt above the Froggatt Edge Road. Bubnell had no direct contact with the moors but still needed its share. It got most of Big Moor stretching from the Curbar and Froggatt Edges in the west to the Barbrook in the east excluding the parts given to Curbar and Froggatt.

In the 1860s, the chapelry was divided, with Baslow and Bubnell, and Curbar and Froggatt each becoming full (ecclesiastical) Parishes.

Over the centuries local government continued to develop. Parishes became the basis of civil administration. Each retained its piece of moorland. About 1926 Baslow and Bubnell combined completely to become the (civil) Parish of Baslow and Bubnell. The moorland assigned to Bubnell centuries ago came with it., and is now fossilised on the map as a funny extension on Big Moor of the Baslow and Bubnell Parish.

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