**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!

Follow us on Facebook at [SlawitSHOP](https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61574068606184) and listen to the research podcasts on the [Watershed](https://thewatershed.org.uk/slawitshop) or [Moonraking](https://www.slaithwaitemoonraking.org.uk/slawitshop/) websites.