



The area around Brown Rigg provided an abundance of sites for weekend camps, in fact the school's scout group and indeed many other lads were spoiled for choice. Greenhaugh Pool was a great venue, but everyone's favourite was undoubtedly Roses Bower, complete with its strong-smelling sulphur spring where you could swim in the 'Black Pool' (everyone thought it was bottomless!), explore the 'Canyon' all the way up to Stonehaugh village, tickle for trout in the Warks Burn or, if you were brave, use the famous 'Long Drop' for its originally-intended purpose.

In the summer months the River North Tyne was a magnet, with numerous inviting pools. The well known 'Sandbank' was a super venue, a small island in the river that afforded hours of pleasure swimming and diving while the adjacent woods provided ample raw materials for raft building.

One great place for exploring was Hareshaw Linn. In Brown Rigg days it was quite a scramble up a very rough path, in places clinging precariously to the side of the valley, before eventually reaching the impressive waterfall where the bravest (or stupidest!) ventured right in behind the cascade, inevitably emerging soaking wet but quite elated!

Yes indeed, the area around Brown Rigg really was a most wonderful 'Theme Park', providing many hours of exciting and exhilarating fun and happy times which generations of pupils took full advantage of and which are remembered still today.

