



## STROLLING the Super Slow Way

One of the earliest British aeronauts, **Windham William Sadler**, was killed at Parsonage Field in Church, on 29 Sept 1824, his balloon being dashed against a tall chimney by the wind during its flight from Bolton to Blackburn.

### **Common Blue Damselfly**

Bright blue colour and 3cm in length, these delicate insects are found along the canal in summer.

### **Elder**

Traditionally if you planted elder by your house it would keep the Devil away.

**Aspen Colliery coke ovens** converted the coal from the adjacent Aspen Colliery into coke for the steelworks. Known locally as the “fairy caves”, the ovens came into use in 1810 when the canal opened.

### **Cormorant**

A large, prehistoric looking waterbird and expert fisher.

### **Buff-tailed Bumblebee**

One of 24 species of bumblebee resident in Britain.

### **Parish Church of St James (Church Kirk)**

The tower and font date from the 15th Century.

**Yellow Waterlily** is a common plant with its leaves and flowers floating on the surface of slow-moving water. Also known as ‘Brandy Bottle’, the flowers are said to smell faintly of brandy.

Go to [superslowway.org.uk](http://superslowway.org.uk) for more information and a short film about this walk.

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