



Richard Barrow

- Richard Barrow was born in **1787**.
- He was a successful business man and merchant, becoming very wealthy.
- In **1840**, at the age of 53, Richard retired.
- Instead of enjoying his wealth, he came to Staveley and joined his older brother George at the ironworks.
- During the **1850's** Richard built houses for the workers there, building them was a condition of the lease.
- His idea to build better quality houses for the workers became known as a model village.
- 100 cottages were built with open spaces and gardens.
- The village was named “Barrow’s Hill” after him.
- Within 20 years Richard's business skills and a new railway had created an industrial empire.
- He never married and died on **10th January 1865** aged seventy seven.
- He is buried in the same tomb as his brother, George Hodgkinson Barrow, at the side of Staveley Church Tower.

