

## Radicals Banners in the Huddersfield Region, 1837-1844

### Abbreviations

HE *Halifax & Huddersfield Express*

HG *Halifax Guardian*

LT *Leeds Times*

LM *Leeds Mercury*

MP *Morning Post*

NS *Northern Star*

SI *Sheffield Independent*

No.	Where displayed	Date/occasion	Ownership/displayed by	Inscription	Images, icons and symbols	Physical properties	Ref.
1	Huddersfield	4 Jan. 1837; Feargus O'Connor's visit	'Bastille flag' (Oastler's radical supporters)	Can the Christian man bastille the poor? The people answer no. Whom God hath joined together, let no devil of a Commissioner put asunder	Representation of workhouse	Black	LT 21.1.37; HG 21.1.37
2	Huddersfield	Meeting protesting against the New Poor Law, 7 Feb. 1837, held outside the Cloth Hall		Whom God hath joined together, no devil of a commissioner shall put asunder: if the poor and the poor rates are to be commissioned, so shall the rents and the landlords, the funds and the fund lords		Large black flag	LT 11.2.37
3	Huddersfield	1837 by-election; nomination day; procession of Oastler's supporters, 28 Apr.	Oastler's supporters	The invaluable coalition of honour and honesty against humbug and whiggery. Oastler for ever		Large blue flag	LI 29.4.37; LM 6.5.37
4				Voters, you hold you votes in trust for us. Ellice is for separation, bastiles and starvation; Oastler is for comfort and happiness to the poor		White	
5				The Altar, the Throne, and the Cottage (and the state)		Blue	
6				Oastler is the friend of the factory children			
7				Oastler the enemy of anarchy and confusion			
8				The invincible coalition of honour and honesty against tyranny and hypocrisy			
9	Hartshead Moor	Mass meeting protesting against the New Poor Law, 16 May 1837	Skelmanthorp	Skelmanthorp will not rest satisfied with the suffrage being any thing but universal	The picture of a negro in chains, with the inscription of, 'Am I not a man and a		LT 20.5.37; SI 20.5.37; LI 20.5.37; MP

			<p>May never a cock in England crow, Nor never a pipe in Scotland blow, Nor never a harp in Ireland play, Till liberty regains her sway.</p> <p>Truth and justice pouring balm into the Manchester sufferers</p>	brother.'		19.5.37
10		Emley	Equal rights and equal laws for Emley [sic.], and no Poor Law Commissioners			
11		Kirkheaton	Kirkheaton and its township. Kings of the bastilles	A representation of three men hanging (drawing their wages)		
12			Equal laws and equal rights		Green	
13			Universal suffrage; vote by ballot	Two hands, the representation of union	Green with white fringe	
14			(Lepton and its township) God, nature, and the laws, have said, that man shall not die of want in the midst of plenty		Green with white fringe	
15			Liberty and love	Tricolour flag		
16			No New Poor Law Amendment Act, no Bastilles for Englishmen			
17			He that oppreseth the poor oppreseth his Maker, 'Remember Heaven has an avenging rod, To smite the poor is treason against God'			
18			The Ten Hours Bill and no Bastiles			
19			Kirkburton – What mean ye that ye beat my people to pieces saith the Lord of Hosts. Ye are cursed with a curse, for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. (Do justice and love mercy)			
20			Meltham	Meltham – No bastilles – England this day expects every man to do his duty, by showing his determinate opposition to the accursed Poor Law Amendment Act		
21		Holmfirth	Holmfirth – Destruction and miseries are in their ways, and the way of peace they have not known. There is no fear of God before their eyes			
22		Honley	Honley – We will not be commissioned by three infernal lick spittles. (The poor have a right to a subsistence in the land. Woe unto him that grindeth the face of the poor)			
23			The Poor have a claim on the soil, and verily they shall be fed			
24			Can the Christian man Bastile the poor? The people answer, no	A representation of a tremendous large workhouse.		
25			Go to, now, ye rich men; weep and howl for your miseries; that shall come upon you		Black flag	
26			The more the cruel tyrants bind us, the more united they		Large black banner,	

				shall find us		motto on white ground	
27				No New Poor-Law Amendment Bill. No Bastile punishments. And on the obverse – universal suffrage, vote by ballot			
28			South Crosland	Those whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder			
29				Britons – England claims yours sympathy and your prayers			
30			Linthwaite	Linthwaite – Comfort for the poor is protection for the rich			
31			Fixby	Fixby and defiance: we will be free or we will die			
32			Gawthorpe	Gawthorp, no bastille – repeal the tyrant law that oppresses the industrious poor, to disgrace Christianity and making humanity weep	'All the banners were green, white, black, red, and tri-coloured'	Green flag with black border	
33			Paddock	Paddock – England home, liberty, local rights, wholesome food, (no separation) and no starvation bastiles [sic.]	a picture of a bastille or Poor-house		
34				The altar, the throne and the cottage			
35				Rob not the people, because they are poor			
36				He that oppreseth the poor to increase his riches shall surely come to want			
37				The Huddersfield division swears destruction to Malthusian bastiles			
38			Lockwood	The working men of Lockwood will not be separated in a bastille, nor will our children be made emigrant slaves. Before that, we will die on the field.			
39				The authority of King, Lords, and Commons invested in the three commissioners			
40				Let every man consider himself a constable for the day for the preservation of peace and order			
41				Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, that do ye also unto them' for this is the law and the prophets			
42	Huddersfield	Public holiday to celebrate Queen Victoria's birthday	'Bastille flag'	For description see entry no. 1			LT 27.5.37; HG 6.6.37
43	Huddersfield	Meeting in front of Druids Arms Inn to protest against the New Poor Law		'...numerous banners, most of them those which was carried to the late great meeting on Peep Green'			LT 10.6.37
44	Huddersfield	1837 general election; 18 July – visit of candidates to Huddersfield	'Bastille flag'	For description see entry no. 1		Large dark coloured flag	LM 22.7.37
45				No Bastiles			
46				The Bastile allowance for one day for an able-bodied labourer	A piece of bread with a small piece of cheese stuck on a pitch fork		
47	Huddersfield	1837 general election, nomination day for Huddersfield borough election		Oastler forever		two very small blue flags	LM 29.7.37; LI 29.7.37
				'There were several flags bearing inscriptions relative to the New Poor Law. There was also a small quantity of bread			

				and cheese affixed to the end of a pole, under which was printed 'The Bastile allowance of one day for an able-bodied man, as ordered by the commissioners.'			
48	Huddersfield	1837 general election, polling day for Huddersfield borough election		Huddersfield Division swears destruction to the Malthusian Bastiles			Oastler, <i>A Letter to Viscount Morpeth</i>
49	Wakefield	1837 general election, nomination day for West Riding county election	Oastler had instructed his supporters from Huddersfield to assemble at Wakefield	Universal suffrage, vote by ballot, and annual parliaments		White flag	SI 5.8.37; LI 5.8.37
50				Cannon are the arguments of despots; let truth and justice prevail		Green flag	
51				Huddersfield division swears destruction to the Malthusian Bastiles		White flag	
52				Can the Christian man bastile for the poor? The people answer, no	Drawing of Paddock workhouse	Black flag	
53				Whom God hath joined, let no commissioner put asunder; the poor rates and the pauper are to be commissioned, so shall the rents, the landlords, the funds, and the fundlords			
				'Bastile allowance, of one day, for an able-bodied man'	Pitch fork with a bit of bread and cheese struck on the prongs		
54				The altar, the throne and the cottage - Oastler for ever			
	Huddersfield	Oastler's departure from Fixby		'A considerable number of old, and some new factory and new poor law banners, were displayed, but they were mostly those used at the Peep Green meeting and on other occasions, the inscriptions on which have been several times described to our readers.'			LT 1.9.38; HG 1.9.38; LM 1.9.38
55			Elland	Oastler, God be his counsellor – Elland		White flag	
56				Welcome Oastler, we claim thee for our own; the squire's cast off is the people's choice			
57				Oastler the children's friend		Small blue flag	
58				Oastler for ever; No Bastile			
59				Queen and Constitution		Small blue flag, silver lettering	
60				Oastler, the factory children's friend		White small flag	
61			'an inscription condemnatory of the bastardy clause'	Flag borne by two women			
62	Hartshead Moor	Mass Chartist meeting Oct. 1838	Huddersfield district	Taxation without representation is tyranny, and shall be resisted; reverse: universal suffrage is our birthright, and we will have it		Large green silk banner	NS 16.10.38
63				Each for all, all for each; reverse: universal suffrage, and vote by ballot	Union of Hands in the centre; reverse: cap of liberty	Green silk flag	
64			Honley	May Briton's son's be firm and united; reverse: For a nation to be free it is sufficient that she wills it		White flag	
65			Linfit	If we are too ignorant to make laws, we are too ignorant to obey them			

66			Yew Green	Reverse: The time draws nigh – 'tis just at hand When Britons shall with courage stand: Each host, united, shall decree – 'We'll have our rights – we shall be free'  And should the tyrants yet oppose, Will hellish hearts, our noble cause, We'll never swerve, but steadfast be, We'll die, or have our liberty	A figure, in oil colours, of Justice, with the balance in one hand, and in the other, the People's Charter	Green silk banner	
67			Lepton	Presented by the females of Lepton to their brother- townsmen, as admirers of the five great principles of political justice; motto: Universal suffrage: the principle that takes away from no one, but gives to every man his inherent right		Silk banner	
68			Newsholme	Newsholme Working Men's Association; motto: Who will be on the Lord's side?			
69			Almondbury	Universal suffrage, vote by ballot, annual parliaments, no property qualification, and payment of members. We will never rest until we obtain them; reverse: He that oppresseth the poor, reproacheth his maker  Remember, Heaven has an avenging rod, To smite the poor is treason against God			
70	Hartshead Moor	Chartist Meeting on Peep Green, May 1839		'The show of flags and banners was much similar to that displayed in October last. We only noticed one as presenting a new feature on the present occasion, which was a representation of Marcus destroying a babe in a Union Workhouse.'			HE 25.5.39
71			Holmfirth	The Charter, the people, and their rights			
72			Stainland	Stainland Radical Association and their rights [and the five points]			
73			Mirfield	The more these cruel tyrants bind us the more united they shall find us			
74				The Charter - peaceably if we may; forcibly if we must			
75				Labour shall be represented			
76				They that be slain with the sword are better than they that be slain with hunger			
77			Huddersfield	The three Unconstitutional Paupers	Painted in black three figures hanging from the gallows	Small white banner	
78	Huddersfield	1841 general election, nomination day for borough of Huddersfield	Deighton	The Huddersfield Anti-Corn Law Association		Small white flag	NS 10.7.41; LI
79				Cheap bread and down with the Corn Laws		Small yellow flag	3.7.41; LT
80	Wakefield	1841 general election, nomination day for West Riding	Huddersfield	Huddersfield Operative Anti-Corn Law Association; the profit of the earth is for all; Eccs. 5 <sup>th</sup> chap and 9 <sup>th</sup> verse			10.7.41
	Huddersfield			'Monday morning last was a busy one in Huddersfield; soon			

				after four o'clock the Chartists were parading the town with music and banners, to rouse the sleepers for Wakefield. They started for Wakefield a little before six o'clock.'				
81	Huddersfield	McDouall and Collins' visit to Huddersfield, Sept. 1840		Tri-coloured flag, motto: We demand universal suffrage			NS 12.9.40	
82				This banner was presented by the Females of Lepton to their follow-townsmen, as a mark of confidence for their noble exertions in the cause of Chartism; reverse: the five cardinal points of the Charter		Large green silk banner		
83				Universal suffrage, vote by ballot, annual parliaments, payment of members, no property qualification; reverse: our rights, and nothing more, and we will have nothing less		Silk banner		
84				We demand universal suffrage; reverse: each for all, and all for each	Cap of liberty	Green silk flag		
85				M'Douall and Collins, the Dungeon-proof friends of the people against whig tyranny; reverse: Feargus O'Connor; Frost, Williams and Jones; universal suffrage, and no surrender	Silver letters	Green flag		
86				Every man has a right to a vote in choosing a representative. It belongs to him in right of his existence, and his person is his title deed; reverse: peace and the right hand of fellowship to all		Green silk banner		
87				Labour should be represented; reverse: they that are slain by the sword are better than they that be slain with hunger; for these pine away, stricken through for want of the fruits of the field		Flag		
88				Paddock	Can the Christian man bastile the poor? We answer, No	Representation of a bastile		
89					Tri-coloured flag			
91					Britons shall be free; reverse: nobly we'll do our duty			Crimson flag
91					Taxation without representation is tyranny, and should be resisted			Green flag
92					The Charter, the whole Charter, and nothing but the Charter; reverse: Time draws nigh, 'tis just at hand, When Britons shall with courage stand; Each heart, united, shall decree, We'll have our rights, we will be free; And should the tyrants yet oppose, With hellish arts, our noble cause, We'll never swerve, but stedfast be, We'll die or have our liberty,	Emblem of Justice, holding in her right hand a Scroll, partly unfolded. In her left hand, the balance of equal justice, over her head 'Universal suffrage'		Green silk banner
93				Yew Green	Yew Green flag			
94				Huddersfield	Universal suffrage is our birthright, and we will have it; reverse: taxation without representation is tyranny, and ought to be resisted			Large Green silk banner

95				Universal suffrage, vote by ballot, annual parliaments, no property qualification, payment of members; reverse: the Charter, the only sure remedy to all the existing evils of society		Large white banner		
96				We'll turn neither to the right nor to the left; but steadfast shall be our course, universal suffrage, and no surrender; reverse: we'll conquer the tyrants, or we'll nobly die				
97	Huddersfield	O'Connor's visit to Huddersfield, 4 Dec. 1841		Reverse - England, home, and liberty	A full likeness of Mr. O'Connor	A large splendid banner	NS 11.12.41	
98				Universal suffrage, annual parliaments, vote by ballot, payment of members, no property qualification, equal representation	Golden letters	Beautiful green silk banner		
99					A beautiful tri-colour			
100			Kirkheaton	Kirkheaton flag. We demand universal suffrage				
101				Reverse: The day of freedom dawns – the time is near When freedom, our united efforts crown, On, on, Briton's, our cause is clear, And labour shall no master, but the labourer own. God save the people	Likeness of Justice holding the scales of equal rights in one hand, and the People's Charter in the other.	Green silk banner		
102			Holmfirth	Tri-colour. Holmfirth National Charter Association; reverse: The Charter our right. He that will not ask is not worthy the blessings of freedom				
103			Honley	Equality of all before the law; reverse: taxation without representation is tyranny, and ought to be resisted				White banner
104				A cap of liberty carried on a long pole				
105				The right of every man to liberty is from God, from nature, from birth, and from reason. Reverse: the whole of the principles contained in the People's Charter, we demand, for nothing less will we ever ask or take.				Green silk banner
106				Tri-colour; God save the Queen for we fear no one else will. Reverse: The glorious republic of America, and soon may England imitate that country; its people happy and contented				
107						A splendid oil painting of the coat of arms of the National Charter Association		16 feet by 10
108			A tri-coloured flag; motto – 'England expects every man to do his duty'; reverse: God helps those who help themselves'					
109			The land, the land! – the right of every living man; reverse: the rights of labour, soon may they be acknowledged by all the world		White flag			
110			Every man his own landlord; reverse: down with the accursed factory system, the school of immorality,		Green silk banner			

				profaneness, wickedness, and vice of every description			
111				Cap of liberty			
112				Tri-coloured flag			
113				England, home, and liberty; reverse: no bastiles. The right of every man to live upon his native land.			Large white banner
114				Equal representation; reverse: no distinction before the law	Cap of liberty		Green silk flag
115				Honesty is the best policy; no humbug; no Corn Law fallacies; the full rights of all we ask; no more we demand; this we will have; reverse: God gave the earth for man's inheritance' a faction have taken it to themselves. Justice, justice, justice!	Silver letters		Green silk flag
116				Tri-coloured flag; motto: universal suffrage			
117	Huddersfield	Demonstration in honour of Oastler's liberation, 20 Feb. 1844		Welcome Oastler			
118				Ten Hours Bill			
119				Welcome good old king			
120				Our king is restored; the captive is free; long may he live, and blest may he be			
121			National Infant School	Home trade			Blue banner
122				Two union jacks			
							LT 24.2.44; LI 24.2.44; LM 24.2.44