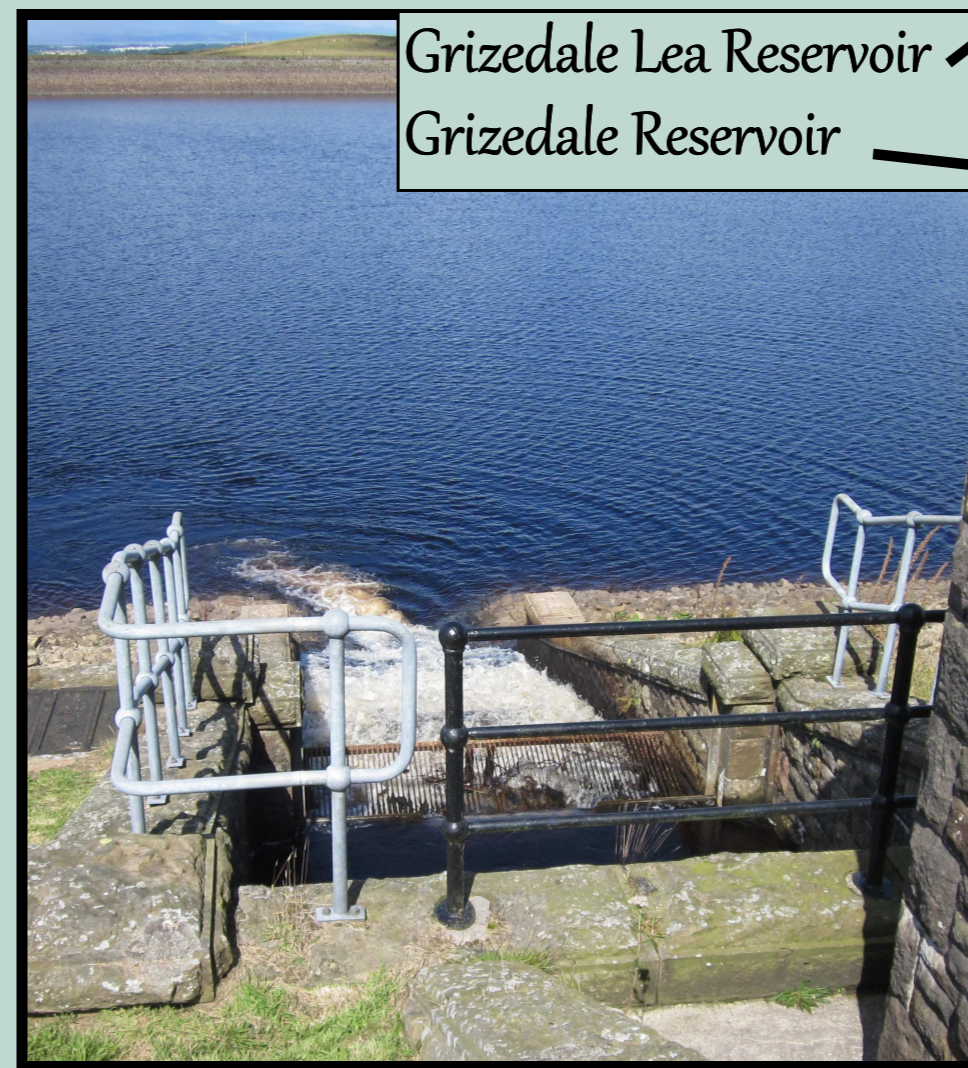


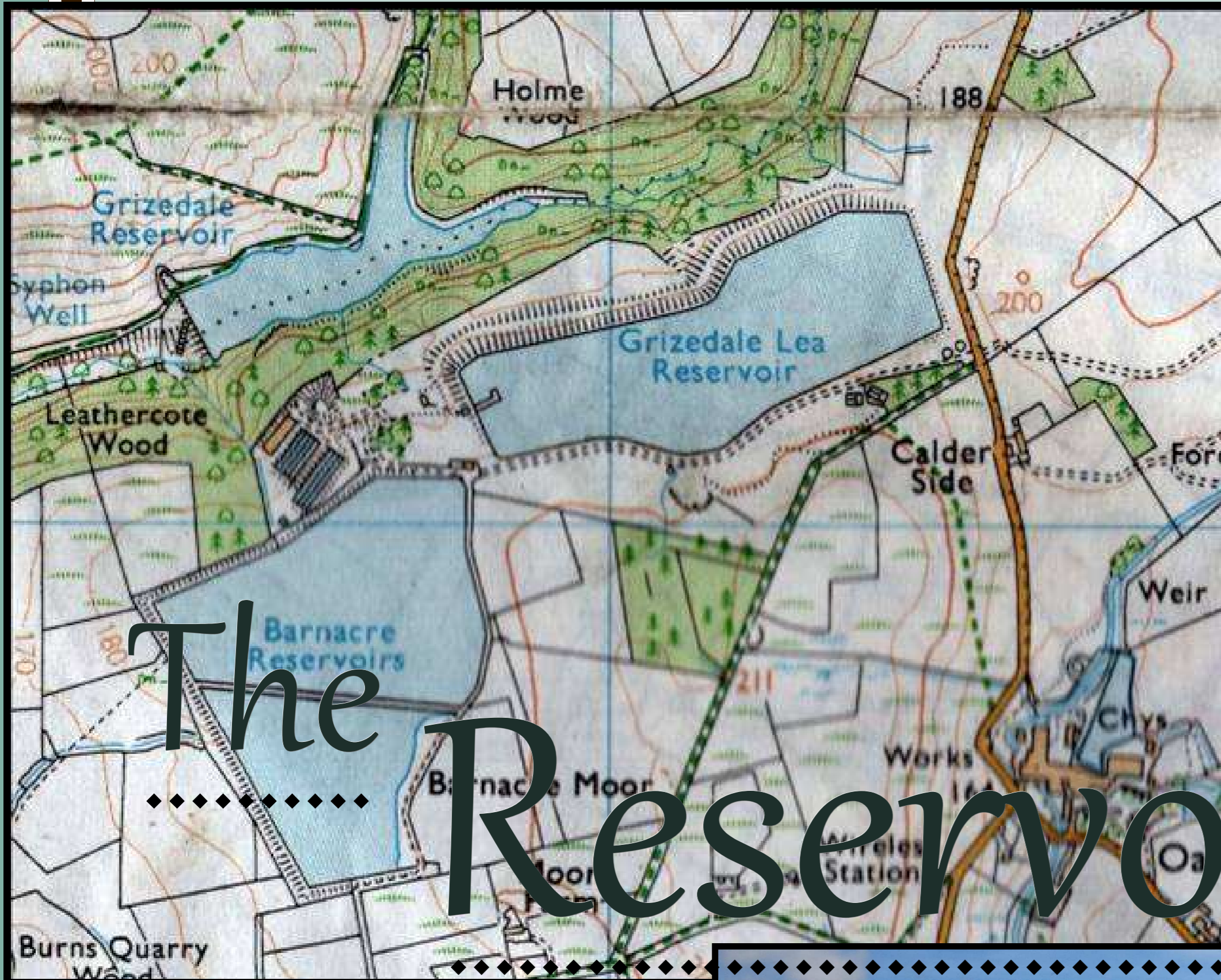
The Fylde Waterworks Company (later Fylde Water Board) was formed in 1853 to provide a public drinking water supply to the Fylde, particularly the developing town of Blackpool. In 1861 work commenced on the construction of the first reservoir at Barnacre by damming across

Grizedale Brook (but it was not till 1884 that it was finally watertight). Demand soon outstripped supply, leading to the creation of three further reservoirs to the east up beyond the tree line.



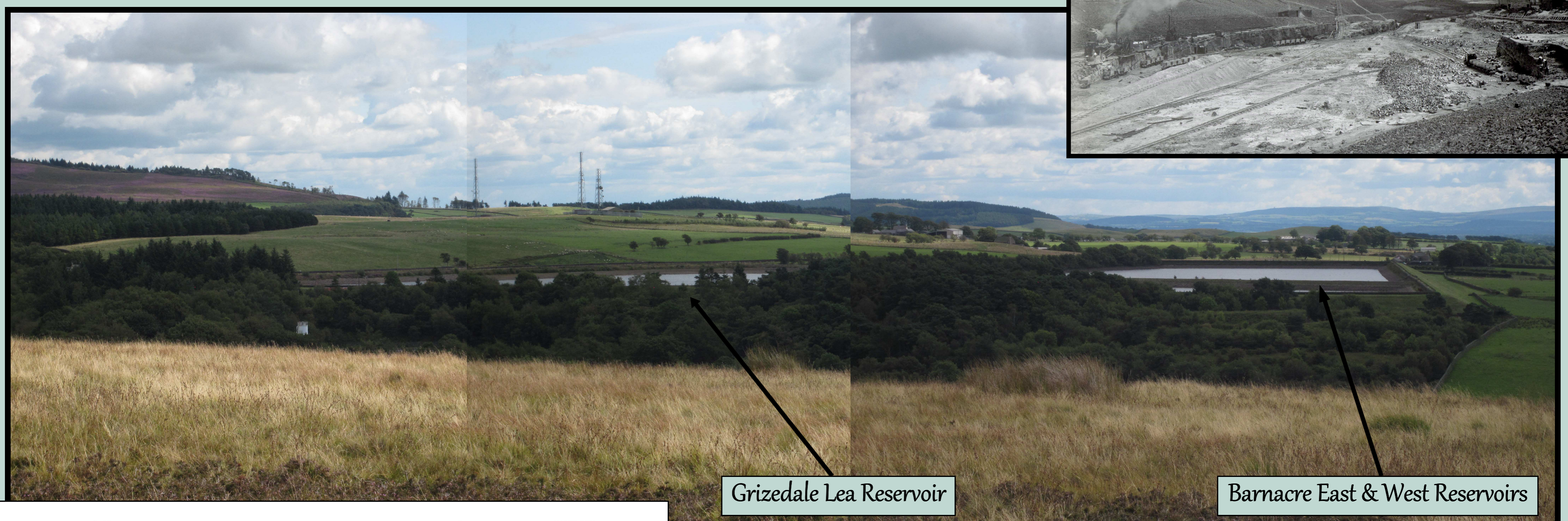
While Grizedale Reservoir was filled directly from Grizedale Brook, the later reservoirs - Barnacre East, Barnacre West and

Grizedale Lea - were filled indirectly from intakes on the River Calder and Grizedale Brook via gravity culverts to the reservoir site; it isn't pumped. Grizedale Reservoir is still operational and is pumped up to the upper reservoirs when needed; particularly in the summer months.



The Reservoirs today...

GRIZEDALE LEA Reservoir (constructed 1902 - 1922) was the third, final and largest reservoir to be built. The capacity of the 4 reservoirs is approximately 500 million gallons (2250 million litres). They continue to supply water which is now treated at Franklaw Water Treatment Works at Caterall, Garstang.



Supported by
The National Lottery[®]
through the Heritage Lottery Fund

