

## Beckwith with Rossett

**Pannal** is a village in the Harrogate district of North Yorkshire, England. Historically part of the West Riding of Yorkshire, it is situated to the immediate south of Harrogate. Since 2016 it has formed part of the new civil parish of **Pannal and Burn Bridge**. The village is served by Pannal railway station on the Harrogate (Railway) Line between Leeds and York.

## History and etymology

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Pannal has been an important settlement for centuries. It developed in the middle of the former Knaresborough Forest and is believed to date back to the [Bronze Age](#)

Pannal was earlier known as **Rossett**, recorded in the [Domesday Book](#) as *Rosert* (from the [Old English](#) *hross hyrst*, meaning "horse wood"). Until the early 19th century the village of Pannal was part of **Beckwith with Rossett**, one of the eleven [constableries](#) within the Royal [Forest of Knaresborough](#), but the parish, which appears to have covered the same area as the constabulary, was known as Pannal. The name Rossett survives in the suburb of Rossett Green, 1 mile north of the village, and in the nearby [Rossett School](#).

The name *Pannal* is first recorded in 1170. Its etymology is explained by Watts:

Possibly 'nook of land in the board, shallow pan-shaped valley'. *Panhal(e)* 1170–1457, *Panehal(e)* 13th cent., *Panall* 1301, 1377, *Pannall* 1409–1590. OE **panne** + **halh**. The exact sense of *panne* is uncertain; it might alternatively here be an early instance of the sense 'depression in the ground in which water stands', recorded from 1594: hence possibly 'nook of land with a hollow where water stands'.<sup>[6]</sup>

By the early fourteenth century, Pannal had become a thriving market village with weekly markets and an annual four-day fair. The parish of Pannal covered a large area, including [Beckwith](#), [Beckwithshaw](#), [Brackenthwaite](#) and [Low Harrogate](#).<sup>[2]</sup> In 1894 Low Harrogate became part of the new [Municipal Borough](#) of [Harrogate](#), and in 1938 the village of Pannal was also added to Harrogate. This left the village of Pannal outside the civil parish of Pannal.<sup>[6]</sup> This confusing situation continued until 2010, when the civil parish was renamed Beckwithshaw.<sup>[7]</sup>

One of today's most significant structures in Pannal is Pannal Hall, rebuilt in 1860 after a 200-year history