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It is surely incumbent upon archaeologists in receipt of public money to explain their results to their financiers in a way which they can understand. This series of six booklets, all in a series entitled Greater Manchester’s Past Revealed, set out to do just that and they do it very successfully. Each booklet is well illustrated, all in colour which helps access to the information, much of which is unfamiliar to the modern reader.

Each booklet follows the same pattern, opening with a location map, followed by an introduction, background to the site and to the industrial process when appropriate, all taking up about half the booklet, and succeeded by an account of the excavation, the later history of the site, glossary and bibliography. The illustrations include maps, portraits, engravings, reconstruction drawings and photographs, both terrestrial and aerial.
Do the booklets work? For this reviewer they certainly do. They provide a satisfactory level of information as well as being a delight to the eye. They deserve to be widely read.

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