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PICCADILLY PLACE, UNCOVERING MANCHESTER'S INDUSTRIAL ORIGINS. By Ian Miller, Chris Wild and Richard Gregory. Pp. 42, Illus 44. Oxford Archaeology North, 2010. Price: £5.00. ISBN 978 1 907686 00 9.

THE ROCK TRIANGLE, BURY: THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF AN INDUSTRIAL SUBURB. By Ian Miller and Richard Gregory. Pp. 47, Illus 59. Oxford Archaeology North, 2010. Price £5.00. ISBN 978 1 907686 01 6.

DISCOVERING COCCIUM: THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF ROMAN WIGAN. By Ian Miller and Bill Aldridge. Pp. 46, Illus 52. Oxford Archaeology Ltd, 2011. Price £5.00. ISBN 979 1 907686 03 0.

REDISCOVERING BRADFORD: ARCHAEOLOGY IN THE ENGINE ROOM OF MANCHESTER. By Ian Miller. Pp. 46, Illus 53. Oxford Archaeology Ltd, 2011. Price £5.00. ISBN 979 1 907686 04 7.

SLICES THROUGH TIME, GREATER MANCHESTER'S HISTORIC CHARACTER REVEALED. By Lesley Mitchell, Carolanne King, Norman Redhead, Alan Kidd, Jo Hill and Kerry Walmsley. Pp. 50, Illus 49. GMAU Archive, 2012. Price £5.00. ISBN 978 1 907686 08 5.

AN INDUSTRIAL ART: THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF CALICO PRINTING IN THE IRWELL VALLEY. By Ian Miller. Pp. 49, Illus 65. Oxford Archaeology Ltd, 2012. Price £5.00. ISBN 978 1 907686 10 8.

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.

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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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