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Crampshaw Works (Clarendon Mews), Ashted

Crampshaw Works: c. 1900



Greville Works was an early Ashted Factory built around 1890 as Mawson and Swann's Photographic Works. After five years it was taken over by Cadett & Neall and within another five years they had built two new factories in Ashted; Crampshaw Works and Victoria Works on the south and north side respectively of West Hill. Greville Works remains as residential property.



Greville Works today

Clarendon Mews today



The image (top) shows Crampshaw Works on the south side of West Hill. By 1908 the operation had moved to Harrow, and Peto and Radford operated from these works until 1917 when the British Film Stock Company took over. This company became Brifco Ltd and by the 1930s they were lacquer manufacturers known as Brifex. Brifex's main product was leather cloth which had a variety of uses from covering bus and coach seats to bookbinding and making passport covers. By 1972 Brifex had closed and the works had been rebuilt as offices for W.S. Atkins, civil engineers. When they left the building was demolished and the site was developed for housing as Clarendon Mews.

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