

This is a list of historical businesses and industry in WF. Much of the information has been found by internet research. Inclusion in the list does not imply that we have material on the business in the Local Studies Library except as indicated below.

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*= this name is not on the outside of the file

VCH= Victoria County History

WG and WFG= Walthamstow Guardian (1876-1965) and Waltham Forest Guardian (from 1965)

Abbey Injection Moulding Company, Higham's Park Building File

Abbott, A. G., 16-20 Colchester Road E17 (c.1900-1965) Commercial motor body builders
Photos – see under Ensign

Abbott, J. & G. (Builders), 142 Markhouse Road E17. The Abbott Bros. built Abbotts Park Road. Abbott was a prominent name in local businesses in the later 19th century. Abbott's Farm was in Hainault Road on the site which became a United Dairies Depot.

Source: David Boote "A listing of the streets of Leyton & Leytonstone"

Achille Serre (dry cleaning & dying) Archives Monographs **W23.6**
Est. c.1880 White Post Lane, Hackney Wick; moved 1928 to Uplands, Blackhorse Lane E17, closed c1970.
1927 Branch at 258 High Road, Leyton E10
1956 Branches at 228 Hoe Street E17, 406 Hale End Road E4

Acme Seals Ltd (security seal mfrs., incorporated 1928), Davies Lane, Leytonstone E11
Est. 1884 as the Acme Lead Seal Co., Harrow Green Works, 2a Ferndale Rd, E11. In 1914 moved to new factory in Davies Lane (now Cotton Close, a housing development). They made tin plated and later (since 1992) plastic seals. In 2003 the company relocated to Witham, Essex

Advance Components Ltd, Marlowe Road E17 W25.1

AEC (Buses), Forest Road E17 **W25.4**
In 1908 the London General Omnibus Co. took over Vanguard Motor Omnibus Co. (est. 1906) and in 1911 formed the Associated Equipment Co. Ltd. (A.E.C.), which manufactured omnibuses in Walthamstow until 1926–7, when the firm moved to Southall.

Aerodyne Radio Co. Ltd, Aerodyne Works, Hoe St., Walthamstow E17 (1933) W25.1
Previously: Hustler, Simpson & Webb, Ltd., 55-57 Tanner St., London SE1 (1930)
317 Hoe St., Walthamstow E17 (1932). By 1937 moved to Tottenham and went into liquidation 1938.

Aldridge, Laurie (glassworks), Leyton Building File

E. R. Alexander & Sons (Printers), Era Press, 301 High Road Leyton c.1898-1931 Photos
From 1898-1901 published "The Poster" described as "the most important journal in English devoted to the art of the poster" see: <http://arts-search.com/review/the-poster.html>
Publisher of District Times, Leyton & District Times, Leytonstone & District Times (Kelly's Essex 1906)

Aley, Charles (Cycle maker, est. 1887) & Aley, Elizabeth (Mrs.) (Coffee house), adjoining shops in Ancient House, 4 & 6 Church Lane, Walthamstow. Kelly's Essex Directory 1914; Photo. c.1890;
Buildings File - Ancient House

Allen Briggs Motors (Hyundai dealership, service & repairs), 47-59 Chingford Mount Road, Chingford
Est.1957- family run & owned business.

Allied Bakeries, 66-68 Argall Avenue E10 see L23.1 (*Food & drink manufacture & distribution)

Alloy Welding Processes (AWP), Head office: 14 Cockspur Street, London, Works at Ferry Lane, E17.
Est. 1918, 1930 amalgamated with Murex, Ltd to form **Murex Welding Processes Ltd** - see below.

R.V. Amey, 102 Beulah Road, E17 Old sign on building "R. V. Amey Builder Decorator Contractor"
Amey, Thomas Ed. (builder), 102 Beulah Road - Kelly's Directory of Essex 1914

Amori London Ltd. (Mfr. of leather bags, belts and accessories. product development, sampling)
Unit 4, Cromwell Industrial Estate, Staffa Road, Leyton E10 Est.1994 Source: <https://letsmakeithere.org/>

Androll, Andrex (Trade names) see St. Andrews Mill

Aquascutum (shirt factory), 26-30 Forest Rd (corner of Black Horse Rd) E17 c.1953, later site of Rael Brook.

Arcola Shoe Works Ltd, 691 Leyton High Road E10 Est. 1938, closed c.1986, company dissolved 1993

Argos, 50a High Street E17 Opened 1975, at 207 High Street in 2018 W28.23

Ascott's of West Ham (billiard-table mfrs.) opened a branch factory in Leyton High Road c.1927 VCH

ASEA Electric Ltd (Electrical engineering) 1898-c.1957 **W25.1** see also Fullers
Est. 1898, 1905-15 moved to Blackhorse Lane E17; then Fulbourne Road E17 1915-
Also control gear factory at Leyton, which closed 1955. Taken over by Brush Electrical Ltd in 1957,
name changed to Fuller Electric Ltd. 1957 taken over by Hawker Siddeley Group. Source: Graces Guide

Ashvale Engineering Co. Ltd. (heating & ventilation engineers), 146-7 Tilbury Road, Leyton E10
Leyton Official. Guide (1963)

Associated Fire Alarms Ltd., originally a Bethnal Green firm, took over premises in Sutherland Road in 1920. In the 1950s the works were moved to Claremont Road. In 1960 the company became associated with a burglar alarm group, Auto-Call, and in 1961 the Billet Road premises of King's Laundries were bought. There were over 300 employees at the two factories in 1965. Source VCH

Athmac Motor Co., Leyton

In 1913 the Athmac was a short-lived cyclecar. The friction-driven car, named 10/12, was propelled by a 1,110 cc four-cylinder engine. It featured final drive by long belts to the rear axle and was supposed to sell at 120 guineas, but production never quite got off the ground
<http://www.motor-car.co.uk/innovation/883-britain/10356-athmac-1913> [Accessed 16/4/2015]

Audible Filmcraft Ltd, 245 Wood St. E17, former Cunard Studio, 1933 W24.2 (*Film studios)

Austen Radio Service, 96 Granleigh Rd., Leytonstone E11 run by Joseph Thomas Austen c. 1923-26

Austin, F (Leyton) Ltd (furniture mfrs.), Argall Avenue Estate E10 (closed 1986) Building File, L24.4
Trade name: Austinsuite

Aytac Foods Ltd. (Turkish food distribution), Unit 32, Forest Business Park, Argall Avenue E10
Est. 2003, moved to Argall Ave. 2005. see **L23.1 (*Food & drink manufacture & distribution)**

Baird & Tatlock (London) Ltd, 'Higham House', Walthamstow Building File
See also **W24.95 Explosives/munitions manufacture**
See also **W26.5 (Glass)** – Duroglass

Baker Self-Adhesive Label Co. Ltd. (Printed label mfrs.), Unity Works, 37 Sutherland Road E17
Est. 1973, moved to E17 in 1989, then to Brentwood in 2011. <https://www.bakermaterials.co.uk/>

Banghams, A. E. & Co. Ltd., (Carnival novelty mfrs.), Abco works, Borwick Avenue E17 & Wood Street (Kelly's London 1956) Est. at Grove Rd E17 (1925), moved to Borwick Ave in 1936. Staff 100+ 100 home workers. Spotlight on Industry 1949 (W24p)
1971 the firm was taken over by Harbutts, who make plasticine. In 1976 Berwick Timpo bought the business from the Harbutt family and Banghams was closed down.

Barnet Ensign Ross see Houghton - Butcher/ Barnet Ensign Ross

Barnett & Rose (folding box mfrs.), 501-507 Grove Green Road E11 Kellys 1980-83

Barrett, Frederick (greengrocer), 256 Hoe Street, Walthamstow Photo. c1908
Listed at 256 Hoe Street & 422 Hale End Road in Kelly's Directory of Essex 1914

Barton, Alfred George & Sons (Builders), Daventry Works, Daventry Avenue E17, 7 Folkestone Road E17 and 7a The Avenue, Hale End (Kelly's Essex 1926) Also a director of Shernhall (Methodist) Building Society. Died 15/10/1932, obit. see W85.155 Shern Hall Methodist Church Review Nov 1932

Bassett's Haberdashery Shop, Station Road E4 Est. 1938, closed 1980 **C28.247**

Bawn's Factory (W. B. Bawn & Co. Ltd), Byron Works, Blackhorse Lane E17 Building File, W25.4
Mfrs. of agricultural tractors, boilers, and road waggon tanks, est. 1875, moved to Blackhorse Lane in 1940 after being bombed out of West India Dock, Poplar. On 19/2/1945 its new premises suffered a direct hit from a V2 rocket and 21 people were killed. The firm moved to Bury St. Edmund's (Suff.) in 1970, taking with them a conspicuous local feature above the entrance: the life-size figure of a 17th-century naval helmsman, made c.1910, originally on the factory roof at West India Dock. This is now in the Museum of London Docklands.

Beley Mica Plastics Co. (Mfrs. of combs, brushes, toilet ware, fancy goods, domestic ware & plastic furniture), 536 High Road, Leytonstone E11, c.1905-1947 Source: Grace's Guide

Benbros (London) Ltd (Toy manufacture), 145 Gosport Road E17 & 4 Sutherland Road E17 1953-65
W24.8 (Toy manufacturing)

Birkbeck Building Society, Birkbeck Road (1872) see **L29.4 Building Societies**

Blackhorse Lane Ateliers (Denim jeans mfr.), 114b Blackhorse Lane, Walthamstow E17 Est. 2016
Source: <https://letsmakeithere.org/>

Bluestone & Elvin (Furniture manufacture), Beeanese works, Blackhorse Lane, E17 W24.4

Blyth, E. H. (Sweet shop), 36 Orford Road E17 c. 1950's

Blythe, T. E. (newsagent), 92 Beulah Road E17, there is a sign on the building "T. E. Blythe, newsagents". Run by Charles Blythe from 1906, later by his son Thomas Edward until c.1933.
Sources: Kelly's, e/r

Bonds of London (Sweet mfr.), Wadley Road, Leytonstone (site is now Temple Close - housing)
Est. 1895, moved to larger site in Lea Bridge Road (opposite Chestnuts pub) 1985, closed late 1990's

Book Protectors & Co., 76 South Grove, Walthamstow E17 Est. 1969, moved to Neasden Lane NW10 by 2017. Market leader in protective covers for books. Building File

Borwick, George & Sons Ltd (baking powder, egg powder) Est. 1870
George Borwick (1807-1889) developed his famous baking powder c.1841, and later an egg powder. They were made at a factory in Finsbury from 1864.
1885 the company began to sell their products from a market stall in Walthamstow.
1920-30s the product was sold in a shop in the High Street, Walthamstow.
George Borwick had retired to Devon by 1881 and died 1889. The firm was left to his sons Robert (1845-1936) and Joseph (1847-1913), whilst his eldest son Alfred (1836-1897) inherited his estate at Elm House, Clay Street. See Buildings File; WAS Monograph 12 - Elm House, Sunnyside.

Bramble Clothing Ltd. (Babywear, Children's wear, Coats and Outerwear, Cocktail & Eveningwear, Garments, Jackets & Blazers, Leather or Fur, Leggings, Menswear, Shirts, Shorts, Sweatshirts, Uniforms), 12 Rigg Approach E10 Est. 1973, moved to Leyton in 2015 Source: <https://letsmakeithere.org/>

E. N. Bray Ltd (Electrical switchgear mfr.), Wood Street E17
Est. 1922, moved 1940's to Waltham Cross, taken over by United Molasses 1955.

Bray, Markham and Reiss (Electrical switchgear mfr.), Blackhorse Lane, Walthamstow, London, E.17 (1922) Source: Grace's Guide. Advert from 1904, Company moved to St. Albans after 1920, closed 1971.
One of the partners E. N. Bray opened his own factory 1922, see above.

Frederick William Bremer (1872-1941) built the first petrol driven car in Great Britain in 1892.
Bremer Engineering Co. (motor mfr.), 27 Grosvenor Park Road, is listed 1912-26. In 1933 he presented the original car to Vestry House Museum.
W25.4

Britains, Sutherland Road E17 (Toy manufacture) **W24.8**
Brittains Ltd, Blackhorse Lane E17
Est. 1893 in Hornsey, Britain Petite from 1987, closed 1991, moved to Nottingham

British Animated Productions (1947-53) was formed by George Moreno Jr., an American animator and Richard Albert Smith of 306 Hoe Street, Walthamstow E17. Moreno had developed two characters Bubble, a cockney taxi driver, and his faithful cab, Squeek. The first colour cartoon was made in two rooms in Smith's Walthamstow office. The unit later moved into an old button factory at Fairfax Hall, Portland Gardens, Harringay. The company collapsed quickly when wartime restrictions on foreign products were lifted and the market was instantly flooded with American-made cartoons.

British Celilynd, Burwell works, 97 Lea Bridge Road E10 (corner of Burwell Road) **L24.5**
Cardboard box manufacture. Est. 1924 as D. Smith & Sons (1924) Ltd; 1934 became British Celilynd Ltd; 1959 became Celilynd. Moved from Leyton to Birtley, Co. Durham in 1965; went into receivership 1969, see WFG 19/6/1970 p. 13

British Copper Company, Coppermill Lane E17 (now Walthamstow Wetland Centre)
1808 The company took over the former linseed oil mill in Walthamstow. Imported copper from Wales and rolled it into sheets. Between 1810 and 1814 issued **Walthamstow Tokens (W63.2)**- pennies and half pennies to pay their workers. These were not legal tender but were widely accepted in Walthamstow and the surrounding area. Payment in tokens was made illegal by the Truck Act of 1817. The mill closed in 1857 and was sold to the East London Waterworks Co.

British & Colonial Kinematograph Ltd, 317 Hoe Street (jct. of Grove Rd.) E17, 1913
W24.2 (*Film studios)

British Cricket Balls Ltd, 241 Shernhall Street, E17 (Brand name Dukes) Est. 1760 in Tonbridge Kent, moved to Walthamstow in 1987 **W24.8**

British Filmcraft Ltd, 245 Wood St. E17, former Cunard Studio, 1926 **W24.2 (*Film studios)**

British Home Stores a.k.a. BHS (department store, mainly clothes) Est. 1928 in UK, closed 2016.
The Mall, 38-42 Selbourne Walk (25,000 sq. ft. unit) E17, site is now partly the Gym Group.

British Xylonite Co. Ltd, Halex factory, Hale End Road (Plastics, established 1877) Building File **W24.5**
Xylonite magazine 1946-65, later BXL review 1965-73 (incomplete series) W24.5

Broadwest Film Company, 245 Wood St. E17, former Cunard Studio, 1916-24 **W24.2 (*Film studios)**

Brown, Robert. R. (Corn & forage dealer), 90 Fillebrook Road, Leytonstone c. 1916-18

Brown & Sharpe see Chamberlain Industries Ltd below

Browning, W. E. (mfrs. of heating, ventilating, dust exhausting and drying plant), Cowley Works, Harrow Green, Leytonstone E11 (1922) Source: Graces Guide

Buck, Joseph H (bakers), 568 High Road, Leytonstone, (1908-14) later Burton & Meade (1922), Burton & Buck (1939), Elms Bakery See Biography File; WF23.1 Cottage Loaves & Plain bricks

Buck Brothers (printers), 9 Stainforth Road, Walthamstow - Kelly's Directory of Essex 1914

Buck Brothers & Harding Ltd. (printers), West Avenue, Walthamstow - a partnership formed in 1912 by two older firms. Taken over 1937 by Walthamstow Press Ltd, see below

Building Societies see 29.4 in catalogue. Specific BS's:

Shern Hall (Methodist) Building Society W29.4; Walthamstow Building Society W29.4 see below

Bunnings formerly Homebase **W28.232**

Bush Boake Allen Ltd, (perfumery and flavour chemicals) Blackhorse Lane E17 **W23.1**

A branch plant of A. Boake, Roberts & Co. Ltd. of West Ham, was established about 1956.

Since 1966 Bush, Boake, Allen Ltd.

C & S Builders Merchants (Stamford Hill) Ltd, Est. 1986 in Stamford Hill. Family run business with over 40 staff. Other branches at C & S House, 151 Blackhorse Lane E17 & 122-6 Grove Green Rd E11

Cameo Studios (photographic equipment retailers; specialists in commercial & industrial photography), 48 High Rd Leyton E10 Source: Leyton Official. Guide (1963)

Caribonum Ltd, Etloe Road/ Laura Road, Leyton **L24** (Carbon Papers and Inked Ribbons, est. 1908)

Publications: Caribonum: from war to peace, 10pp + pull out chart of company organisation,

published by the Company 1945; Caribonum 1908-1948, 67pp, b & w ill., the Company 1948;

Caribonum Ltd: Makers of the world's finest Carbon Papers and Inked Ribbons, product catalogue, 20pp, col. ill., the Company c1957

Laura Road was a non-residential road, which was laid out about 1903 as a turning off Etloe Road. It ceased to exist from 1965 onwards.

Catesbys (mfrs. Of plastic wood), 629 High Road, Leytonstone E11 (1945) Source: Graces Guide

Cavern Records, High Street E17 - record shop c1980s-1990s Photo collection

Central Cycle & Motor Works, 12 Blackhorse Lane E17 c.1905

Chamberlain Industries Ltd, ("Staffa" motor) Argall Avenue E10 Developed Staffa motor in Leyton in 1955. Taken over by Brown & Sharpe in 1979, production transferred to Plymouth 1982. **L25**

Chappell, G. H. Ltd, Lea Bridge Road, Leyton Machine-tools, est. 1879. **L25.2**

Chingford Model Aerodrome Ltd (a.k.a. C. M. A.)(Model aeroplane kits), 155 Station Road, Chingford Est. 1941, dissolved 1964

Christopher De Gabriele Ltd. (Fashion Design, Pattern Cutting and Making), 212 Lea Bridge Rd, Leyton E10 Est. 2014 Source: <https://letsmakeithere.org/>

City Knitwear Ltd. (clothing mfr.), 755 Lea Bridge Road E17 Incorporated 1930, ceased trading 1992

Chard Products (Mfrs. of needlework tables and caskets, "Daintea" trolleys and small occasional furniture, draught and decorative Screens, wooden fancy articles, nursery & garden furniture, needlework, shopping and beach bags), Elm House, High Street, Walthamstow E17, c.1947 See also James Cook & Co. (Chard) Ltd below. Source: Grace's Guide

F. Clayton (Walthamstow) Ltd (builders), Prospect House, Markhouse Rd E17 Est. 1881, closed 1979
Frederick James Clayton (builder), 179 Markhouse Rd - Kelly's Directory of Essex 1914 **W26.1**

Clayton Engineering Co. (mfrs. of Clayton indicators), Cannhall works, Cannhall Road, Leytonstone E11 c. 1959 Source: Grace's Guide

Cleanit Manufacturing Co. Ltd. (mfr. soaps, disinfectants, chemicals and specialise in refining mercury), Harrow Chemical Works, Newcomen Road, Leytonstone E11 Source: Leyton Official. Guide 1963

C. M. A. see Chingford Model Aerodrome Ltd above

CM Sealants (Mfrs. of sealants for construction & glazing), Kendon House, 44a Selby Road E11 Est. 1982, family owned & run. <https://www.cmsealants.co.uk/>

Collier Brothers see Essex Brewery

Collinson's Precision Screw Ltd, Forest Road E17 Est. 1916 **W24.1**

Colvins Ltd (hardware and ironmongers) 110 Wood Street, E17 Est. 1949, closed 2019 **W28.232**

Consol Trade Services (builders' merchants) 124 Markhouse Avenue and then 434 Hoe Street E17 from 1970 W26.1

Cone Car Co., Leyton. 1914 Produced a 4.5hp single-cylinder car. Source: Grace's Guide

James Cook & Co. (Chard) Ltd. (mfr. of men's collars, shirts and pyjamas; nurses cuffs, collars and belts), Elm House, High Street, Walthamstow E17. Main Factory: Snowdon Collar Works, Chard, Somerset c.1947, dissolved 1972. See also Chard Products Sources: Grace's Guide, London Gazette 26/9/1972

Co-operative Society see London Co-operative Society

Cooper's (Tools) Ltd (Ironmongers), 222 High Road, Leyton E10 c. 1957 **L28.263**

Coopers (upholstery mfrs.) 30-32 Old Church Road E4 see WFG 25/9/1981 p.7

Cork Manufacturing Co. Ltd, Langite Works, Hall Lane, E4 (Cricket balls, cork gasket manufacture – trade name "Langite"). Est. 1922, moved to Hall Lane 1940, closed 1983. **C24.5**
associated with Flexo Plywood Industries Ltd, see below.

Courtenay Building Ltd. See **Warner Estate Co. Ltd.**

Cowlans (Walthamstow) Ltd, 357 Forest Road E17 Electrical contractor 1926-1996 Buildings File

Crawford Glass, 61 Aubrey Road E17 Est. c.1960 as Crawford Brothers (Walthamstow) Ltd., renamed 2004, now in central London see **W26.5 (* Glass & pottery)**

J. Cripps & Co. Ltd. (road transport contractors, specialist supplier of meat and butchers' sundries), 177 Cathall Road E11 Source: Leyton Official. Guide (1963)

H. Crowe & Co. (blouse & gown mfr.), Park works, Pearl Road E17 (brochure)
see **W24.7 Clothing & Textile Manufacturers**

Crowe, Henry & Co. (blouse mfrs.), Gainsford Road, Walthamstow - Kelly's Directory of Essex 1914

Crownfield motorcycle see James Perkins (cycle dealer}

Crusader manufacturing Co. Ltd, Berwick Road E17 now KMP Crusader (Typewriters, 1897-) W24.6

Cunard Films, 245 Wood St. E17, built a studio 1913-15 see **W24.2 Film Studios**
Subsequently Broadwest Film Co. 1916-24, taken over by British Filmcraft Ltd. in 1926, Metropolitan Films Ltd, 1931-2; Audible Filmcraft Ltd., 1932. After 1933 it was occupied as a factory.

Dance Factory see In the Mix

I. B. Davidson (Film studios), 588 Lea Bridge Road, Leyton, closed 1924 see **W24.2 Film Studios**, W24.2p Kirk

Davies & Sons Fishmongers (Fishmongers, fishmonger services & suppliers), 494 Hoe Street, E17
Traditional fishmongers for five generations, fish smoked on premises. Est. 1976, Davies Fishmongers Ltd from 2012. Closed 2019, see WFG 25/1/19 Also store in Leytonstone, closed 2001.

Davis & Timmins Ltd see Walthamstow Turned Parts

C. Deane & Son (Turf Accountants) Ltd., 232 High Road, Leyton E10
Branches at: 54 Maplin St, Bow E3 and 324 Grove Green Road, Leytonstone E11 Leyton Official. Guide (1963)

Deep Clean Laundrette, 18-20 Beulah Road E17, previously Westcotts, see below

De La Rue/ National Plastics Ltd Est. 1819, Shernhall Street 1911; Walthamstow Avenue factory built 1936-38, National Plastics Ltd 1947, taken over by Courtaulds Ltd 1959, closed 1982 **W24.5**

Delta Display Ltd (Printers) 153-157 Blackhorse Lane E17 5QZ. On site of Britain's factory

Devine Brothers (Leytonstone) (mfr. of whalebone products), 287 Cann Hall Road, Leytonstone E11
c. 1922 Source: Grace's Guide Devine, A. & E. (whalebone cutter), 287 Cann Hall Road - Kelly's Dir. of Essex 1914

Devonshire Farm Dairies, 145 Coppermill Lane Buildings File

Ditchfields, 790-794 High Road, Leyton (Toy shop) Buildings File

Downing W., Whipps Cross, Walthamstow (dealer in British Insects and Entomological Instruments)
Est 1832, advert in "The Insect Hunter's Companion" by Rev. Joseph Greene 1880 **W24.1**

Drew, Clark & Co. Ltd. (ladder mfr.), Diamond Patent Ladder Works, 562 Lea Bridge Road E10
Est. 1901, moved to Leyton in 1907, incorporated 1942, dissolved 2000.

Dries Electronic Products see Radio Hospital below

Dukes Cricket - see British Cricket Balls Ltd

Alfred Dunhill Ltd., Forest Rd E17 (tobacco pipe mfrs.) Est. 1922, opened a factory next door to Hardcastle in 1935, and purchased 49% of Hardcastle shares in 1936. See also Hardcastle.
A new company Dunhill Pipes Ltd, was est. 1977, and in 1982 production transferred from Plaistow to the old Parker-Hardcastle factory, 32 St. Andrew's Road, E17. See also - Parker-Hardcastle.

Duroglass, Blackhorse Lane E17 (c1915 -1960's) **W26.5 (Glass)** see also W24.95 Baird & Tatlock

Eagle Shirt Co. (London) Ltd. (Men's shirt mfr.), Unit 2, 52-54 Beulah Road E17 Incorporated 1996, dissolved 2013, 6 employees were made redundant.

East London Engineering Works, Ltd, 76 Cobden Road, Leytonstone E11 (1938) Source: Grace's Guide
486 High Road E11 (1940) Source: London Phone book 1940

Eastern Foods (retail) (Supply & delicatessen), 124 Boundary Road E17, first Asian supermarket in WF 1962-1972 Source: Kelly's London Directories
Used as a mailing address for Apee Film Society an Asian (Apee=ours) film society showing Bollywood films 1963 (see Flickering Screens panels)

Eat17, Orford Road E17 (restaurant & supermarket) **W23.5**

W. Edmond, Station Road, Chingford built cycles, motorcycles and tricars as well as selling as an agent. Edmond were primitive motorcycles produced c. 1900. They had a choice of single or V-twin engines, direct-belt drive and braced front forks. There was a 6hp Tri-Car with two front wheels and a passenger seat hung between them, and chain final-drive. Source: Graces Guide references British Motorcycle Directory - Over 1,100 Marques from 1888 - by Roy Bacon and Ken Hallworth. Pub: The Crowood Press 2004 ISBN 1 86126 674 X

Electro Signs Ltd see God's Own Junkyard below

Elegante, Pierre Ltd (ladies clothing mfr.), 76-79 Brunner Road Industrial Estate, Brunner Road E17 (c. 1986)

Elliot, Herbert & Son (cabinet makers), 31 Orford Road E17, (1956 – 1968), now Village PH
Source: Kelly's Post Office London trade directories.

Ellis, Bernard J. Ltd. (mfr. polish, paints, disinfectants, etc. - brand names: Apollo; Hepta), Apollo Polish Works, Epsom Rd E10 Est. 1898 *Leyton Official. Guide* (1963)

Ensign See Houghton - Butcher/ Barnet Ensign Ross

Essex Accumulator Co. (mfrs. of wireless accessories and accumulators), 499 Grove Green Road, Leytonstone c.1910-1927 Source: Grace's Guide

Essex Brewery, 73 St. James Street E17 In 1859 William Hawes built the steam powered Walthamstow Brewery. It was bought by Collier Brothers in 1871 and renamed, taken over by Tollemache of Ipswich in 1920, which became Tolly Cobbold from 1957. The brewery closed 1972, demolished 1975 **W23.7**

Evans, Warren see Warren Evans

Ever Ready, Forest Road E17 Opened 1933, on former AEC site, closed 1971 **W25.1**

Everett's Stores Ltd, **see W28.231**
41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 53, 55 & 69 St. James' Street, 142 & 144 Northcote Road, 262 & 306 Hoe Street, Model Bakery 74, 76 & 78 St. James' Street, 93 Black Horse Road (Warner Estate branch, corner of Courtney Road) 483 Forest Road c.1899-1914

Facets Glass Co. (glass repairers), 107 Boundary Rd, Leyton E17
(The workshop is actually in Hertfordshire, and not open to the public) (2020)

Faerie Glen (Doll's & doll's clothing) see Hook & Franks Ltd

Falcon Gun Co. W24.95

Fillebrook Cycle Co. Est. by Thomas Harold De Gruchy, cycle and motor engineer. 1902 moved from Kirkdale Road E11 to premises at 787 High Road, Leytonstone. 1905 went into receivership. Later (1910) traded as the Tilbrook Cycle Co., Tilbrook Road, Leytonstone/ Wanstead

Sources: Graces Guide; <https://www.oldbaileyonline.org/print.jsp?div=t19001210>

Fish Brothers, (jewellers & pawnbrokers) 114 High Street, Walthamstow (1960) Photo.

Also 29-31 High St. E17 and 720 High Road, Leytonstone (c.1978) Source: WF Borough map

Flexo Plywood Industries Ltd, Hall Lane, E4 (Plywood, trade names "Flexene"; "Zest") C24.4 associated with Cork Manufacturing Co. Ltd, see above.

Ford Motor Co., Blackhorse Lane, E17, a subsidiary engineering plant, est. 1947, ceased c.1967

D. Freeder & Co. (paper mill), Crêpe Paper Mills, Lea Bridge Road, Leyton E10 c. 1922-34

Sylko Crepe Paper Mills was at this address by 1947 Source: Grace's Guide

John Freeman & Co. (Toothbrush mfr.) of Spa Works, Chesham, Bucks., also at Walthamstow, E17.

"Spa" toothbrush range launched 1941. Source: Chemist & Druggist 24/5/1941

1947 British Industries Fair Advert for "Spa" Toothbrushes with Nylon Tufts. Also, Dental Plate

Brushes, Nail Brushes and Hair Brushes, in Nylon and Bristle; and Dressing Combs Source: Grace's Guide

Fuller Electric Ltd/ ASEA (Electrical engineering), Fulbourne Rd E17, Est. 1898 W25.1

Fullers builders, Beulah Road E17, est. 1860's see Biography File – Fuller

General Engineers Supply Co. Ltd., 555-557 High Road, Leytonstone E11 Est. 1937, dissolved 2020.

Gibson Belt Co. Ltd. (leather belt mfr.), Est. 1938 1A Grosvenor Rise East E17. From 2006: Unit 7 Waltham Park Way, Billet Road E17 From 2013: Unit 11, 6 Argall Avenue, Leyton E10, dissolved 2016

Gilbert Arc Lamp Company, High St., Chingford (street lighting) Est. 1895, moved to St Albans, Hertfordshire c.1910, changed name to ELECO - Engineering and Lighting Equipment Company

Source: Grace's Guide

Gillard & Co. Ltd (pickle sauces/ later meat pies), Vintry Works, Westbury Road E17 W23.1

Est. 1867, entrance was at 213-5 High Street E17 in Kelly's 1882, closed 1990's.

Gillett, Ralph H. builders in Milton Road & Aubrey Rd E17 - Kelly's Essex 1917-26, see Biography File

Gillett Brothers (printers), est. 1899, dissolved 1978 see Biography File - Gillett, Walter & Frederick Jewel Road E17 (1956); 35-37 Central Parade, Hoe Street E17 (1978)

D. Gilson & Co Ltd see Walthamstow Turned Parts

W25.6 Gnome et le Rhone/ Peter Hooker Ltd

See also Buildings file - Gnome House, Blackhorse Lane

God's Own Junkyard/ Electro Signs Ltd, Vallentin Rd (+ Shernhall Street from 2014) W25.1

Goldring Manufacturing Co (Great Britain) Ltd (radio accessories mfrs.), 486/488 High Road, Leytonstone E11 from 1953. 'Goldring Progress report' WG 8/11/1974 p.64 **L25.3**

Good Brothers (wholesale ironmongers, builders' merchants, lead, glass and color merchants), Marmion Works, 316-318 Hoe Street E17 (c. 1905) Enamel sign in VHM. Biography File

Goody & Co see Lea Bridge Soda water manufactory / Mineral water Co.

Gratnells (Mfr. of storage systems & plastic trays), 258 Church Road, Leyton E10
In 1967 Graham, Trevor & Neville Hudson set up the company initially at Arkley Road E17.
Incorporated 1971 at Church Road, moved to Harlow in 2000. <https://www.gratnells.com/about-us>

R. M. Gray and Co. W24.95

Grovewell Rubber Co. Ltd. (Mfr. of "Puck" balloons, rubber & plastic toys), 656 Forest Road, E17 c. 1936-1956

GU puddings see Rensow Patisserie Ltd

Hammon Brothers (Toy Makers), Elmsleigh Works, Edinburgh Road E17 Kelly's Essex 1926

Hammond & Champness (lift mfrs.), Blackhorse Lane E17. **W25.1**
Est. 1905, taken over by Dover in 1971, Thyssen in 1997.

Hardcastle Pipes Ltd, Coronation Works, Forest Road E17 Est. Camden 1908, opened factory c.1936, closed 1967. See Parker-Hardcastle

Harmer & Simmons Ltd (batteries), Hoe Street, Walthamstow 1927, moved to Hainault 1953, since 2008 part of AEG Power Solutions - see Biography File - Harmer, Harold M.

Harris-Lebus see Lebus

Haskins (rolling shutter mfrs.), Gnome House (c. 1964), Blackhorse Lane E17

Hawker Sidley Power Transformers Ltd (Electrical engineering), Fulbourne Road E17 **W25.1**

Hedley & Co. (Leytonstone) Ltd. (ethyl chloride mfr.), 120 Harrow Road E11 Est. by 1905, still in production in 1960's

Henbrandt Ltd., (toy import & warehouse), Unit 33, Forest Business Park, Argall Avenue E10
Est. 1971, moved to Argall Avenue in 1991, to near Felixstowe 2007.
Source: <https://www.henbrandt.co.uk/about-us/the-history-of-henbrandt/> [2020]

Hester, George Francis (General shop), 75 Blackhorse Lane E17 1906-1937 when it became a private dwelling. Source: Kelly's Directories, Electoral registers.

Hills, William 88 High Street E 17 (watchmaker) first appears Kelly's 1894/5 – 1908; Kelly's Essex (as repairer) 1914, 1922, 1925 also at 196-8 Hoe Street (as Jeweller). There is a clock made by the firm in St. Barnabus Church (see W84.3)

Hitchman's Dairy/ St. Ivel Est. 1867, Alban Davies took over in 1918 but kept name.
Later St. Ivel, taken over by Unigate in 1963. **W22.11** See also Biography Files: Davies; Hitchman

HMV UK Ltd (record store), 11 Selbourne Walk E17 Source: Thomson Local – East London 2007

Hobbs, Hart & Co. Ltd., (strong-room doors, locks, and safes), Staffa Road E10
Est. 1852, moved to Walthamstow by 1935. In 1956 the company became a subsidiary of Chubb & Son Ltd. and later moved to Hackney. WF Archives - 1887-1956: printed papers

Holdstock, C & Son (bakers), 160 & 218 Hoe St E17, and 176 Forest Rd E17 Source: Kelly's London 1956

Hollebrand Brothers, (tobacco pipe mfrs.) 2a & 4 Farnborough Ave E17 Est. c1914, closed 1963

Holmes Brothers (London) Ltd (furniture mfrs.) (trade name "Holbro") Est. 1867, incorporated 1884, from 1922 at Holbro Works, Billet Rd, E17 W24.4

Holmes Bros. (London) Ltd (drawing office materials mfrs.) Stirling Works, Flempton Road E10 **L24**
Company liquidated 1986

Kelly's London Directory 1956 lists 4 associated companies under Holmes Brothers (London) Ltd:

Radio cabinet mfrs., 37a Skelton's Lane E10

Repetition woodwork, Holbro works, Billet Rd, E17

Drawing office materials mfrs., Stirling Works, Flempton Road E10

Drawing instrument mfrs, 221 Lea Bridge Road, E10

Publications: "Holmes Brothers (London) Ltd: Walthamstow & Leyton, London 1867-57"

Published by the company: 1957, 8pp, 22cm, b&w photos.

Home Counties Garage Co. Ltd, Garage adjoining "Green Man", High Road, Leytonstone c. 1908.
Source: Graces Guide

Homebase see Bunnings

Homelab Instruments (Electronic equipment), 68A Cobden Road E11 (1951), 615-617 High Road, Leyton (1955) Source: Graces Guide

Hook & Franks Ltd, Grange Road E17 (Doll's & doll's clothing - Trade name: Faerie Glen) Est. c. 1950 by Daisy Franks & her daughter Margaret "Peggy" Hook, a former England Table Tennis player. 57 Blackhorse Road E17 (Kelly's 1956). In 1960's the company employed 350 staff making 5,000 outfits per day. **W24.8** (*Toy manufacture)

Hooker, Peter Ltd See **W25.6 Gnome et le Rhone/ Peter Hooker Ltd**

G. Houghton & Son, solicitors, 294-8 Hoe Street E17 Est. 1843. Closed 2014 W33.8

Houghton - Butcher/ Barnett Ensign Ross (Camera manufacturers) **W24.1**
Clifford Road/ Fulbourne Road, Walthamstow, formerly Spratt Brothers Ltd (est. c1908) Factory closed 1954 and moved to South London, closed 1961

W. A. Hudson Ltd. - see Wood & Metal Industries Ltd below

Huntingford, Roy (Organ builder), Walthamstow W24.91

C. A. Hunton & Sons (mfrs. of punches, dies & shearing machines), Leytonstone E11 Est. 1911-c.1927
Charles Albert Hunton also invented the "Hunton" adjustable spanner in 1906. Source: Grace's Guide

Lancaster, E. J. Ltd (coal merchants, sundry goods) Incorporated 1962. 7 Queens Road E17 from 1964 – c. 1986. Office at 434 Forest Road E17 c. 1989. From c. 1996 at British Rail Coal depot, Wood Street now known as Unit 2, Old Station Yard, 186 Wood Street E17

Latter, Owen A. (general draper), 122 Union Road (now Langthorne Road) E11, listed in Kelly's Street Directory for Leytonstone, Wanstead and Snaresbrook in 1935 & 1937. The 1939 Directory (commercial section), lists: Latter, Owen Alfd, pinarette (short pinafore) mfr., 106 Harrow Road E11 According to reader they made parachutes during WW2. Not in Leyton & L'stone Trade Index 1949.

Law Land Building Dept. Ltd see also **Warner Estates Co. Ltd** **W26.1**

Lea Bridge Soda water manufactory/ Mineral water Co./Goody & Co, Knotts Green, Leyton
Kelly's Street Directory George Hurst 1886; Salmon 1891; Goody & Co 1894 & 1907

Lea Valley Joinery Ltd, (fitted kitchens) 62 Billet Road E17 (c1965) **W26.1**

Lebus (Harris-Lebus) (Furniture manufacture) **W24.4**

Following the closure of the Tottenham Hale site c.1973 Lebus manufactured chipboard furniture at new site Ferry Lane Works, corner of Forest Road /Blackhorse Lane (former AEC/ Ever Ready site). Distribution at Forest Road was carried out by Merchandise Transport, a wholly owned subsidiary. In 1979 Lebus was taken over by PMA group, Walthamstow site closed, production moved to Halifax.

Leonard Edward Dresses (London) Ltd. (Mfr. of clothing and accessories), Unit 2, 30a Borwick Avenue E17 Est. 1966, moved from 54-58 Brunner Road E17 in 1990, dissolved 2011.

Leslies Ltd, 76 Higham Hill Road, E17 (Est. 1823: Originator of the Zinc Oxide medical plaster –trade name Zopla) Factory partially destroyed by fire 1967 **W24.96**

Lesney Products & Co Ltd (Toy manufacturer), Chingford Mount Road, Chingford E4 1973-c1982 **C24.8**

Charles Lewis Shoes Ltd. (Ladies Shoe mfr.) Moved to Leyton from London in 1957, employed over 200 staff and produced 9000 pairs of shoes weekly. *Leyton Official. Guide* (1963)

Leyton Tyre & Rubber Co. Ltd. (motor factors), 817-823 Lea Bridge Road E17
Est. 1921 by Stanley G. W. Hastilow (1898-1959) Source: Graces Guide; FreeBMD

Leytonstone Jig & Tool Co. Ltd, 606 High Road, Leyton E10 (Precision tools, brand name "Leytool")
Est. 1932- c1957, also Works in Hollingbury, Brighton **L25.1**

Leytonstone Modern Electric & Radio Supplies Ltd, 543 High Road, Leytonstone c.1937

Library Supply Co. (later Libraco) (library furniture mfrs.), 61 Cassiobury Road E17 Listed in directories 1902-28

Lidstones (drapers) 2, 4, 13, 15, 17 High St E17 Est. c1899, closed 1946 (see LCS below) **W28.233**
Buildings File

Lockeys of London (leather goods), PO Box, 204 Hoe Street, Walthamstow E.17 c. 1957
Source: Graces Guide

London Co-operative Society, 2-6 & 7-9 High St, E17 and 277 Hoe Street E17 **W28.231** Photos
Walthamstow Co-operative Society was founded in 1886. The first store was in Markhouse Road, premises were later opened at Clarendon Road. In 1912 the local society merged with Stratford Cooperative & Industrial Society and opened an enormous store in Hoe Street (corner of Orford Road) built 1911 and 1915 by W H. Cockcroft. The funeral care business at 277 is the only Co-op firm still there. In 1920 the Stratford and Edmonton Co-operative Societies amalgamated to form the London Co-operative Society. In 1946 James Lidstone sold his remaining shops in the High Street to the LCS. This was the Co-op's furnishing dept. until 1963. LCS was acquired by Co-operative Retail Services in 1981. See James Diamond "People's history of Walthamstow" p.99

London Co-operative Society Ltd. dairy, 220 Wood Street E17 see Parkers Dairy below

London Electric Wire Co. (LEWCOS) (insulated electrical cables), Church Road, Leyton E10 Est. 1879, incorporated 1892, 1909 Merged with the Frederick Smith and Co. of Salford, wire manufacturers, to form the London Electric Wire Co and Smiths Ltd **L25 LEWCOS**

London Rubber Company, Hall Lane, E4 (sheaths, trade name Durex; gloves, trade name: Marigold; balloons, etc) Est.1915, moved to Chingford 1939, closed c.1994. Manufacturing was transferred to Spain, Italy and the far East **C24.5 (3 files)** Monograph

London Spring and Fibre Co. (spring mfr.), Forest Mills, 282 Forest Road, Walthamstow c. 1945
Source: Graces Guide

Longdan Ltd, 4 Estate Way, Leyton, London E10 7JN Est. 2008 e (2019)
Vietnamese cash & carry supermarket selling fresh, frozen and preserved food and drink products.

Lotery, H & Co. Ltd, 1 St Mary Road E17 (Clothing manufacture including military uniforms, 1897 – c1939) In 1943 the company was based at Beaumont House, Gravel Lane, E1. In 1964 it was bought out by Slater, Walker Securities and the capital was used to perform what became known as corporate raids on public, mainly industrial companies. Photo, Building File - St Mary Road, E17

Lynton Cooper Ltd. (retailer of greetings cards, toys, confectionery and tobacco; Travel and theatre ticket agency), 218 High Road, Leyton E10 Source: Leyton Official. Guide (1963)

Lyon, A. S. & Sons Ltd (wholesale confectioners), 99 Belmont Park Road E10
Source: Kelly's 1956, 1979. By 1982 site was Imperial Plant Exports Ltd see above

Manze's Pie & Mash Shop, High Street E17 Buildings File

Marco Ltd (mfrs. of elevators and conveyors), Lynn Road, Leytonstone E11 c.1925 -29
Source: Graces Guide

Markhouse Motorcycles, 109 Markhouse Rd, E17 c.1960-83

Thomas Maynard, Undertaker, followed by his son Robert, 31 Orford Road E17, (1896 -1914), now Village PH. Source: Kelly's directories

Meadows, J. C. (removals), 25 Crofton Grove, Chingford E4 Est. c1911 at 40 Beulah Rd E17 e

Mears & Gold factory, Flempton Road, Leyton destroyed by fire 2003 Buildings File

Merchandise Transport, Forest Road E17 see Lebus

Metropolitan Films Ltd, Wood St. E17, former Cunard Studio, 1931-2 **W24.2 (*Film studios)**

Micanite & Insulators Co. Ltd (Electrical engineering), Empire Works, Blackhorse Lane E17, 1901-67
W25.1

Modern Travel (Leyton) (coach operator, private car hire), 76 Manor Rd E10 *Leyton Official Guide* (1963)

Morris Singer Co. Ltd., (architectural metalworkers) Ferry Lane works, Forest Road E17 (c.1956-65)
Catalogue (c.1982) W26.7

F. H. Mugford (Necktie mfr.), Rear of 406 Lea Bridge Road, Leyton E10 Est. in Leyton 1958
Leyton Official Guide (1963)

Murex Welding Processes Ltd, Ferry Lane Works, Forest Road E17 **W25.2**
Site became Ferry Lane Industrial Estate, demolished 2016. Company founded 1907 at Ferry Lane, Rainham, Essex, moved to Waltham Cross in 1938

National Gauge Factory, Walthamstow (Newall Engineering Co.) **W24.95 Explosives/Munitions**

National Plastics Ltd see De La Rue/ National Plastics Ltd above

Nevill, H. W., South Access Road, Walthamstow Buildings File

New Planet Fashions (Coats and Outerwear, Cocktail & Eveningwear, Dresses, Jackets & Blazers, Menswear, Shirts, Skirts, Trousers, Womenswear), Paradise Arches, 278-281 Lansdowne Road, Leytonstone E11 Est. 2004 Source: <https://letsmakeithere.org/>

W. H. Newall & Son Ltd (Ladies' and Children's Boot and Shoe mfrs.), Reliance Works, Beaumont Road, Leyton Est. 1875, incorporated 1910, still in Leyton 1924. Source: Grace's Guide

Newall Engineering Co., see National Gauge Factory above
1909 Peter Hooker Ltd purchased the complete business of Newall, who were making limit gauges, measuring machines, micrometers, surface plates etc. and moved the business from Warrington to Walthamstow. During WW1 the metrology part of the business was taken over and operated as one of the National Gauge Factories by the Ministry of Munitions. By February 1919 it had now reverted to Peter Hooker Ltd. See Gnome Le Rhone/ Peter Hooker Ltd.
In 1928 the metrology business of Peter Hooker Ltd was bought by Sydney Player, who set up a new operation at Ponders End, Essex, using the old name, Newall Engineering Company Ltd. In 1935 the company moved to Peterborough.

Nichols Bros. (Wood Turners) Ltd, 2a Milton road, E17 est. 1949 **W26.6**

Nisa Local Supermarket, 242-4 Hoe Street E17 (2019) e in Buildings File - Hoe Street

Noble Bros. (Toy Makers), 53 Markhouse Road, E17 Source: Kelly's London 1956

Noble Foods Group Ltd see Rensow Patisserie Ltd

North Metropolitan Tramways Co. Car Works, 35 Union Road, Leytonstone Source: Kelly's Street Dir. 1906

Noton, S. (luggage mfrs., trade name 'Crown'), Endurance Works, Blackhorse Lane E17 (behind Ever Ready, on old A.E.C. site) Est. 1928, in 1968 the company was the largest manufacturer in Europe of moulded luggage for air travel. Taken over by Barrow, Hepburn & Gale 1971 and renamed Crown Luggage Co.

Norwood, Ambrose (butchers), 156 Hoe Street, Walthamstow c.1895. Photos – son of Norwood, William also a butcher, who became a builder, building Ambrose Terrace, part of Hatherley Mews and Norwood House, Hatherley Terrace (1890's). See James Diamond "People History of Walthamstow" p. 97

Paekakarika Press (Printer & poetry publisher), 4 Mitre Avenue, Greenleaf Rd E17 Est. 2010
see W24.6 (*Printing)

Paper Straws London Ltd, Unit 12c Uplands Business Park, Blackhorse Lane E17 5QJ Est. 2019
see W24.6 (*Printing)

Parker- Hardcastle, 32 St. Andrews Road, Walthamstow Buildings File
Parker Pipes Co. Ltd was est. 1922 by Dunhill to finish and market called its "failings" or "seconds". Dunhill merged Parker with Hardcastle (see above) in 1967 and moved production to this factory.
Sources: VCH, WG 25/2/1949, <https://pipedia.org/wiki/Parker> See also – Dunhill; Hardcastle.

Parker Dairies, 220 Wood Street E17 Est. 1986, moved to Woodford Green in 2017 **W22.11**
Dairy on site 1899, Kelly's 1956-86 listed as London Co-operative Society dairy

Parrott, E (Furniture manufacture) W24.4

Payne, Alfd Jn. (perambulator maker), 35/37 Markhouse Road E17 Kelly's London 1956 **Biography File**
Archives: AJ Payne, baby carriage mfrs., London, 1900-69: catalogues and printed papers. XD 1 Payne

Pee Jay Electrical (domestic appliance retailer), 277b Hoe Street E17 Est. 1970's, now part of Harris Electrical Ltd of Hackney. On part of former London Co-operative Society site.

Pentagon Industries Ltd. (precision engineers and machinists; maker of the "Easy Tread Lawn Aerator"), 3 Lammas Road, Lea Bridge Road E10 Source: Leyton Official. Guide (1963)

James Perkins (cycle maker), 299 High Road, Leyton. From 1903 to 1904 produced Crownfield motorcycles, designed for the female market, so therefore had open frames. The engine was a 2.25hp Kerry or Givaudan, inclined within the frame loop with a guarded top belt run to keep it clear of the rider's attire. Source: Grace's Guide

R. Perkins (Gramophone & record shop), 103 Markhouse Road, Walthamstow c.1940

William Pettit & Son, (Potteries) Folly Lane, Higham Hill, Est. 1868, produced unglazed pots, saucers, and chimney pots. When the tomato industry developed in the Lea Valley production was switched to flowerpots, closed c.1944. Source: VCH

James Phelp, Beulah Road, E17 (Printer) Est. 1862. In 1870 Phelp assisted in printing Walthamstow's first weekly newspaper, the Walthamstow Chronicle and Leyton Intelligence, owned and edited by another printer, Joseph Shillinglaw. Phelp also produced a paper of his own, the Gazette, in 1870 and 1880. As J. C. Phelp & Son his firm continued until c. 1955. Source: VCH

Philips Records

see Polygram Records

Pocklington & Johnson Ltd see Spring Steel Productions Ltd

Polygram Records, Walthamstow Avenue. Philips Records Ltd. bought the factory in 1958, which became one of the most modern pressing plants in Europe. *Waltham Forest Official Guide* (1968), p. 113.
Buildings File Closed 1988

Potter & Moore Ltd (Beauty products), Seymour Road, Leyton L24
Est. 1749, Gracie Fields opened new factory in Leyton on 4/7/1937. Now based in Peterborough

Precision Film Company, 280 Wood St. E17 Studio opened by Gobbett brothers 1910, closed 1915.
Commemorative plaque unveiled 1st May 2017. **W24.2 (*Film studios)**

Prekalp of London (furniture mfrs.), 258 Church Road E10 est. c. 1979 **L24.4**

Proportion, London (Mannequin mfrs.), 16 Hickman Avenue, Highams Park **W24.7**, previously Blackhorse Lane E17. Site is now Mannequin House (built 2016) - see Building File - Blackhorse Lane

Protheroe & Morris (auctioneers & estate agents), 827 High Road, Leytonstone Est. 1834
Also, American plant nursery until 1890's. See catalogue for references, also Biog. File - Slade, J. D.

Puddicombe, R. W. and I. (Milliners, Leytonstone) L28.23 PUD
"The romance of the business of R. W. and I. Puddicombe, 1889-1934"
The firm, no date, G. F. Tomkin, printer, Leytonstone, 8pp, ill.

Walter Purkis & Sons Ltd (Fishmongers - Headquarters), 161 Hampton Road, Chingford E4
The Purkis Family have been greengrocers, butchers and fishmongers for over 200 years.
They had a fish shop at 123 Wood St. c.1930, destroyed by a bomb in 1940, which then moved across the road. The present business was est. in 1973 by Walter (b. 1947) when he bought a shop at the Baker's Arms, Leyton. Within a few years he added more shops in Hoe St. and Wood St. E17; Crouch End (1983); Muswell Hill Broadway (1987). The Leyton and Walthamstow shops have closed.

Radio Hospital (TV rental, radio & amplifier repairs) 50 Hoe Street, Walthamstow. Shop owned by Ronald Louis Dries, sold to Radio Unlimited, see below in 1954. Radio Hospital, Dries Electronic Products and Fluorescent Patents - businesses at the same address - were dissolved c.1955

Radio Unlimited (electronic parts), 16 Carnarvon Road, Leyton E10 (1949) *Source: Graces Guide*
Originally a partnership between Francis Walter Strange and Frank George Lester (dissolved 1948), Strange carried on the business and moved to Elm Road E17 c.1950. In 1954 he opened another branch at 50 Hoe Street, Walthamstow, in a shop previously run by Radio Hospital, see above.

Rael Brook factory, 26-30 Forest Road (corner of Blackhorse Road) E17 Opened 1964, closed 1986
Buildings File + outfitters at 842 High Road, Leyton (Kelly's 1965)

Railway Indicator Co., 15 Colville Road, Leytonstone E11 c.1907 *Source: Graces Guide*

Rapid Radio (electronics shop) closed 2016 see Building File - Forest Road, E17

Reader Brothers (builders), south Hackney 1890's-1970's Built houses in Chingford & Leyton
Monograph "Builders of repute" 126

Ready-To-Assemble-Furniture Ltd, 1a Lancaster Road, Leytonstone E11 c.1955-56 Source: Graces Guide

Reliance Controls Ltd (mfr. Of high precision potentiometers), Sutherland Road E17. Formerly Reliance Manufacturing Co. (Southwark), became part of Booker Bowmar in 1964.

Relyante Motor Works Ltd., Blackhorse Lane, Walthamstow. Car-body builders c1903-1911
Source: Grace's Guide

Rensow Patisserie Ltd, Unit 4, Forest Works Industrial Estate, Forest Road E17 Est.1984 making dry bakery products, later as Rensow Ltd desserts. In 2003 the two companies formed GU puddings, taken over by Noble Foods Group Ltd 2010. Production moved to West London c.2016

Richards of Chingford (estate agents etc.), 89-91 Old Church Road E4 c. 1949 **C29.3**

Rivetts of Leytonstone Ltd., (Bicycle mfr., motorcycle and motor dealer and repairs) 234-8 High Road Leytonstone E11 Est. c.1892 by Alf Rivett who had a workshop next to his house in Ranelagh Rd. E11 Assembled 'Blizzard' cycles from BSA parts. In 1904 he moved his shop from Stratford to 236 High Road E11. The firm had other branches at East Ham (1902-22), Ilford (1906-22) and 668 High Road, Leyton (1908-14). In 1932 Alf retired and the Leytonstone shop was sold to the Langford family who carried on Rivetts name. Bicycle mfr. was discontinued in the early 1960's and the firm concentrated on motorcycles, motorcycle clothing and accessories. Exclusive Rivetts leather clothing was sold from late 1960's including the famous "Champion" and "Highwayman" brands. Closed c.2010

R. A. Rooney & Sons Ltd., (brush manufacturer), Higham Hill Road moved from London in 1901 enlarged in 1920. Many outworkers were employed in this trade. Source: VCH, WG 15/07/1949.

Rummages (furniture mfrs.), **L24.4**

Rumsey's (furniture store) c1963 W28.244
290-298 Hoe St E17 & 84-90 Leytonstone Road (Thatched House) E15

Russell & Co. (Furniture) Ltd. (furniture mfrs.) 25 St. James Street, E17 Former cinema site (W38.5)
Source: Kelly's London Directory 1956

Rutt, R. Spurden & Co. Ltd, 490 High Road, Leyton E10 (organ builders) Est. 1899, until his retirement in 1959, when the firm was absorbed into Messrs. J. W. Walker and Sons. **L24.91**

Sainsbury's, J. (Grocers) 13 Hall Lane E4 (1974-); 112 High St. E17 (1981-); Walthamstow Avenue (1994-); 154 (1903-61) 179 (1903-64) 194-8 (1964-61) Hoe St. E17 see Buildings File

Sainsbury Bros. Ltd., Clock Factory, Blackhorse Rd E17, specialized in church and turret clocks, c.1882-1908 Source: VCH Biography File

St. Andrews Mill, 34 St. Andrews Rd E17 Est. 1932, original manufacturer (in 1942) of two-ply tissue paper (Trade names: Androll, Andrex). Taken over by Bowater in 1955, and then by Kimberley Clark in 1995 who moved production to Barrow.

Sanders Bros (Stores) Ltd - Est. 1887 in Bethnal Green by Thomas & Joseph Sanders. By mid-1920's there were over 150 shops in London & the suburbs. Entered liquidation in 1953 and most of the stores were sold by 1954.

WF28.231 Monograph

Kelly's Directory of Walthamstow, Leyton & Leytonstone 1908 lists: Sanders Brothers, corn and flour merchants, 64 High St & 110 Wood St, 28 St. James' Street & 16 Hoe Street, Walthamstow

595 Lea Bridge Road, Leyton, 591 High Road, Leytonstone

WF28.231 Neil Tyler "Sanders. Bros. - The rise and fall of a British grocery giant"

History Press, Stroud, Gloucestershire, 2014; 192pp; ill. some col. ISBN: 9780750956215

W. Sanders & Son (Leytonstone) Ltd. (electro- plating and enamelling), Riggs Approach, Lea Bridge Road E10 Est. 1898, moved to Holloway Rd in 1929, moved to new factory in Leytonstone 1964

Source: *Leyton Official. Guide* (1963)

Saunders Seasonings Ltd. (hard-wood timber, sourced from London; bespoke furniture), Blackhorse Workshop, Sutherland Road, Walthamstow E17 Est. 2013 by Bruce Saunders, incorporated 2018.

Savoy Music Salon (radio, gramophone & record shop), 12 Savoy Corner, Lea Bridge Road E10 c.1940

Second Nature Organics & Wholefood store see Jones Butcher's Shop

Sema Printing Ltd, 83 Grove Road, E17 (old sign at no. 81) Kelly's Post Office London Trade Directory 1980

Shadbolt & Sons Ltd, North Circular Road, Chingford (decorative veneers for furniture, doors and wall panels) Family firm est. 1884, moved to Chingford in 1947, then to Braintree in 2006.

Source: <https://shadbolt.co.uk/about-us/company-history/>

Shales & Co. Ltd., Shernhall St. E17 (ice cream) moved from Southend to Walthamstow in 1934. Its premises were damaged by bombing during the Second World War. The business ceased c.1959.

Shenphone Electrical Products (Rectifiers, point motors, resistance controllers) 226 High Road, Leyton, E10. (1935) Source: *Grace's Guide*

Shenstone, John & Co. Ltd., Leytonstone (pianoforte mfrs.), Works at Etloe Road, Leyton E10

Est. 1870, ceased manufacture of pianofortes c. 1926. Source: VCH

Shenstone, John & Son (pianoforte mfrs.), 409 Hackney Road NE & 36A, Newington Butts SE

Shenstone & Co. Ltd. (piano key mfr.), Grange Road, Leyton E10 Source: Kelly's Essex 1926

Shop at 226 High Road, Leyton E10, later a radio & television shop. Source: Kelly's Essex 1926

Shenstone & Co Ltd. Leyton (Aircraft department) Source: Advert in Flight 28/11/1918

Shern Hall (Methodist) Building Society, 306 Hoe Street, Walthamstow E17 **W29.4**
Est. 1922, a.k.a. Magnet B.S., taken over by Walthamstow B.S.

M. M. Shire Ltd., (fur dressers and dyers) Seymour Road, E 10

Est. by Moses Mendel (Max) Shire c.1901, moved to Homerton c.1913, moved to Leyton following Max's death in 1937, where it continued to trade until c.1977.

Short & Mason Ltd (*Meteorological & other scientific instruments), W24.1 Buildings File
Est 1875 at 40 Hatton Garden, London. c.1907 formed partnership with the Taylor Instrument Companies. Rochester, New York (Brand name: Tycos). 1910 moved to Aneroid Works, Macdonald Road E17, later (c.1953) Hale End Road E17. The firm supplied scientific instruments for the Scott and Shackleton polar expeditions and for Everest climbers. Moved to 280 Wood Street E17 in 1966. Left Walthamstow after merging with Taylor Instrument Companies (Europe) Ltd., Leighton-Buzzard, Beds. in 1969.

Shortlands Press (printers) 650/652 High Road Leyton E10 c.1949-1974
Leyton & Leytonstone Chamber of Commerce Trade Directory 1949, Kelly's P. O. London Trade Directories

Signature Brewery, Unit 25, Leyton Business Centre, Etloe Road E10 Est. 2011 see **L23.7 Breweries**

A.H. Simpkins, Ltd. (mineral waters), Est.1887 at Forest Gate, moved to Grosvenor Park Road in 1889, and later to Hoe Street. The business ceased in 1951

D. Smith & Sons (1924) Ltd see British Celilynd

Solmedia Ltd Laboratory Supplies, 31 Orford Road E17, (1969 – 1988), now Village PH
Source: Kelly's Post Office London trade directories.

Spratt Brothers Ltd, Clifford Road/ Fulbourne Road (est. c1908) see Houghton-Butcher above

Spring Steel Productions Ltd (incorporating Pocklington & Johnson Ltd), West Works, Fulbourne Road E17 c.1900-80 W25.2

Staffa Products see Chamberlain industries Ltd above

Stepney Tyre & Rubber Co. Ltd., Blackhorse Lane, Walthamstow E17
Est. 1906, acquired by the British Tyre and Rubber Company 1932, closed 1961.

Steven's Florists, High Street E17 Buildings File

A E. Stokes (papier mache & plastic shoe buttons; small injection mouldings; light metal stampings; buttons and accessories for dolls clothes & outfits), 128a Capworth St. E10 *Leyton Official Guide 1963*

Superslumber Ltd (bedding mfrs.), 7-8 Linden Road E17 (OS map 130, 1955) Kelly's London 1956-1967
Superslumber (Sales) Ltd dissolved 1968 London Gazette 4/7/1968.
Road no longer exists, demolished and replaced by Sainsbury's 1981. e

Sussman, L.S. & J., (clothing manufacture) 26-30 Forest Road E17, also at Albany House, 12 Albany Road E10 from 1953 (see WG 11/12/1953 p. 23)

S. X. (Poster Services) Ltd. (specialists in outdoor advertising), 32a West Street, Leytonstone E11
S. X. (Signwriting Services) Ltd. (signwriting and display), a subsidiary company formed 1958
Source: Leyton Official. Guide (1963)

Sylko Crepe Paper Mills, Lea Bridge Road, Leyton E10 c.1947, wound up 1971

Taylor Controls Ltd, Hale End Road, Walthamstow - closed 1963, moved to Stevenage Buildings File

Tenby & Penny (Stained glass manufacturers), 38A Beulah Road, E17 Est. 1963 **W26.5**

Thomas De La Rue see De La Rue/ National Plastics Ltd above

Tollemache / Tolly Cobold see Essex Brewery

Tomkin, G. F. Ltd (printers), 501-507 Grove Green Road E11 c1939-1967 L24.6, Photo, Kelly's to 1967

Tower Press Ltd (games & jigsaws) 86 Palmerston Rd, Walthamstow E17 **W24.8** (*Toy manufacture)
Est. 1930's, moved to Walthamstow 1960; by 1962 they were the largest jigsaw puzzle maker in the world, taken over by Waddingtons 1969

Three Point Engineering Co. Ltd (Mechanical engineers - pumps; heating and ventilation installation), Triang, 2-8 Harrow Rd E11 Est. 1930 by J. D. Campbell, closed c.2013
Previously at: 2A Southwell Grove Road, Leytonstone E11 *Source: Leyton Official. Guide (1963)*

Tuck Shop (Grocers), 446 High Road, Leytonstone E11 Closed 1975

Turnidge Ltd (furniture mfrs., specialising in cocktail cabinets & bars, occasional furniture)
Est. c.1925, incorporated 1933, moved to Sudbury, Suffolk in 1970's, dissolved 1996 **L24.4**

Turkentine, R. W. (Cable rollers, jointers' & contractor's trucks and accessories) **W26.7**
36 Byron Road E17 Est. 1897.
Turkentine, Robert William, farrier, 182A and 400 Hoe Street & 36A Byron Road
Kelly's Directory of Essex 1912

Tyne and Main (coal merchant), Hoe Street, - in an area where 'Hoe St station' once was. 1960's

Uglows (men's clothes), Station Road E4 Est. 1910 **C28.233**

Unichem Ltd (Pharmaceutical wholesaler) 6-8 Forest Trading Estate, Priestly Way, Walthamstow E17
Est. 1938, Walthamstow depot opened 1958, closed 2001 **W24.96**

Unit Patent Co. (pigskin products), 28 Drayton Road, Leytonstone E11 - Works at 11a North Birkbeck Road E11 c. 1913-31 *Source: Grace's Guide*

United Building Society see **L29.4 Building Societies**

Vacuum Cleaner Repair Co., 63 Old Church Road, South Chingford c. 1945 *Source: Grace's Guide*

Walthamstow Press Ltd. (Printers), Guardian House, Forest Rd E17
Est. c.1923 to print the Walthamstow Guardian, (est. 1876, and previously printed in London). It bought the premises and plant of W. H. Everett, a High Street printer then recently deceased. In 1935 moved to Forest Rd, where a new foundry and rotary plant were installed. In 1937 the Press took over Buck Brothers & Harding Ltd., (printers) see above. *Source: VCH*

Walthamstow Building Society **W29.4**
Est. 1877, taken over by Cheltenham & Gloucester B. S. 1990

Walthamstow Co-operative Society See London Co-operative Society

Walthamstow Turned Parts, from 1961, moved to Hoddesdon in 1973, part of Astonia group. **W25.1**
Previous names: 1909, D. Gilson & Co Ltd; Davis & Timmins Ltd.
Components for the electrical industry & the assembly of plungers for lamp-holders

Warner Estate Co. Ltd., est. 1891. Thomas Courtenay Warner inherited his father's estate in Walthamstow in 1875. He began developing the Clock House Estate (which he owned). In 1897 the **Law Land Building Department Ltd. (W26.1)** now called Courtenay Building Ltd. was created to construct the housing. By 1900 the company had built up most of Blackhorse Lane between Edward Road and Pretoria Avenue, as well as shops and offices in High St. Winns estate was bought in 1898 and the area west of Lloyd Park was developed. In the 1970s, many properties were transferred to the Courtenay Building Ltd. and later properties were sold to private buyers (and the Warner Company expanded elsewhere). In 2001 745 tenanted and 350 leasehold properties (the remainder of the Warner Estate) were transferred to Circle 33 Housing Association. The Warner Company went into administration in 2013. **W35.8**, Photos.

Warren Evans (Bed manufacture) **W24.4**
Est. 1978, Bethnal Green, factory at Blackhorse lane 2007, PLC 2013, closed 2018

Wells-Brimtoy, Progress Works, Stirling Road, E17 (Toy manufacture) **W24.8**

Westcotts Laundry, 94 Chingford Mount Road E4 Est. c.1907, incorporated c. 1926, closed 1987 **C23.6 (Laundries)**, C23.6, Buildings File, Photos See also C64.1 Home Front in Chingford p.39
Also, Westcotts (Sweet Clean) Laundry, 18-20 Beulah Road, W (1957) now Deep Clean Laundrette.

Wild Card Brewery, Unit 7, Ravenswood Ind. Estate, Shernhall Street E17 Est. 2013 **W23.7**

Wood & Metal Industries Ltd. (television tables), Seymour Road, Leyton. Factory destroyed by fire 1958, then rebuilt, previously W. A. Hudson Ltd. (hearth furniture, coal boxes, curtain rods, occasional furniture) *Source: Leyton Official. Guide* (1963)

Ephriam Woolf (mfrs. of "Fit-Well" baby comforters; teats for fountain pen fillers) 30 Priory Avenue, Walthamstow c. 1922 *Source: Graces Guide*

F. W. Woolworths (department store): U.S. company est. 1909 in Liverpool, 1141 stores in UK by late 1960's. U.S. parent company sold out in 1982 leaving about 1,000 stores, Woolworths Group PLC from 2000. Entered administration Nov 2008, all 807 stores closed by 6/1/2009
Stores in WF:

Leyton branch (No. 129), 612 Lea Bridge Road E10 Opened 1923, art deco style, it is an L-shaped store with another entrance on High Road - now a branch of Iceland.

Leytonstone branch (No. 530), 817 High Road E11 Opened 1934, designed by James Ambrose Dartnall, Leytonstone Library is on the first floor. It is an L-shaped store with another entrance on Church Lane, which retains its 1930's features. High Road side was refurbished in 1954. Now ARGOS.
Walthamstow branch (No. 70), 1 High Street, corner of Blackhorse Road Opened 1916, demolished in 1960's for road widening. In 1972 a new store opened at 115 High St E17 - now a branch of Wilko.

T. J. Wright & Sons, Ltd., (pattern card makers), Blackhorse Lane E17 Est. by 1902. Closed c.1954

F Wrighton & Sons Ltd (Furniture manufacture), Brampton Works, Billet Rd, Walthamstow E17
See also Furniture Catalogue 1936 at 24.4W in Map Drawers **W24.4**
Wrighton Aircraft - WWII manufactured parts for the De Havilland Mosquito *Source: Graces Guide*

Young & Marten Ltd (builders' merchants & iron founders, c.1900), in Walthamstow & Leytonstone.
Catalogue in Store 1A **W26.1**
Zopla see Leslies Ltd above