

Then and Now 1951 & 2011

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Shops in St Mary's Avenue, Saints Estate, Bletchley c 1950

'Soon after we arrived in Bletchley, I'd go shopping and wonder – all the houses looked alike – and I'd think, 'Oooh, where do I live?' It was so peculiar really 'cos they're dead alike.' (Betty Clifford, featured in 'Bigger Brighter Better')



New Warwick Road homes on the Castles Estate, Bletchley c 1950

'When I walked through my own front door, it was just like I'd been

given a million pounds... It was lovely 'cos you started your garden from scratch.' (Doreen Brace, featured in 'Bigger Brighter Better')

From the Bletchley Brickworks, overlooking the Saints Estate c 1950

'The brick dust used to live with us... They'd say that it never affected our health, but on a summer's day you could taste the stuff in the air, the sulphur – it was awful. And all the cars would always be covered in a red sort of dust. And if you put your washing out and it rained, you'd have to wash it again because it would be filthy.' (Alan and Wendy Marshall, featured in 'Bigger Brighter Better')



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New homes in Monkston, Milton Keynes



New homes in Wolverton Park Milton Keynes, an award-winning development

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