



Bletchley's Many Factories

Bigger, Brighter, Better!



A new Terrapin building. December 1973



Machinists at Rodex. December 1973



Westlands Helicopters. January 1983



Holophane factory floor. April 1973



Tetley Tea. March 1972



Filtrona. 1960s

Bletchley's post war expansion was aided by the construction of many factories in the Denbigh area, some built by the Council with ratepayers' money! Many people came to Bletchley with the promise of a job and a house.

Adding to the town's older businesses, including brush, brick making and agriculture, the range of manufacturing industries coming to the area is quite amazing; Tetley Tea, Scot Meats, Cigarette Components, High Precision Engineering, Terrapin, Rodex (W.O. Peake) and Berrys Electric were among those that came to an ambitious and expanding Bletchley during the Bigger, Brighter, Better Bletchley years which, though conceived in the 1930s, really got going in the early 1950s.



Rodex Coats building. January 1990

This new industrial development grew up mostly in the Denbigh area, alongside Watling Street – range of modern facilities for energetic companies with a skilled workforce.

