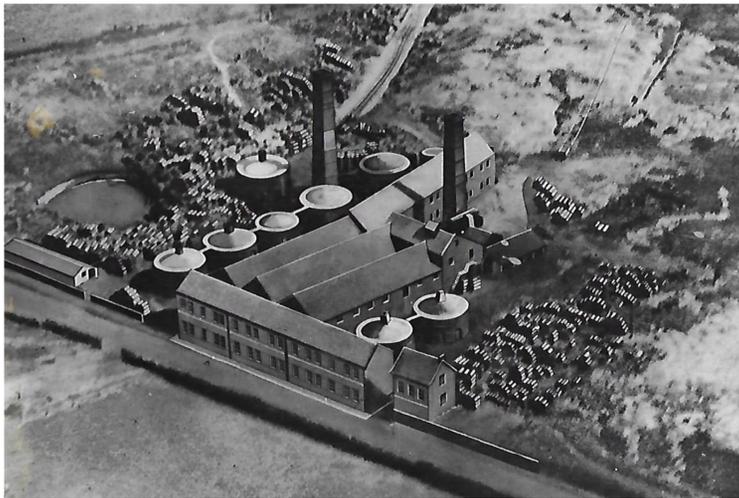


# Hello Heritage...

## Pipe yards and the people

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Suttons & Co. Sanitary Pipeworks.

### Pits and Pipe yards

The landscape you see before you has been shaped by our industrial heritage. The ponds, the trails and the hills are all remnants of our rich past. The abundance of coal and clay led to the development of hundreds of pits and pipe yards scattered across the area. Starting as far back as the 1600's shallow mining was taking place here. This area in particular was once a huge industrial site, along side the coal mines and Pipe factories there were canals and railways keeping things moving. These works were crucial to the local economy, it was not just employment but a way of life with housing for the workers situated right next to or in between the pits and pipe yards. As well as housing of course a pub was needed and the Navigation Inn provided a central point for the workers and their families. Two of the most notable pipe works here were Suttons & co, and Robinson & Dowler, both making large clay sanitary pipes, and employing hundreds of local people as far back as the late 19th century.

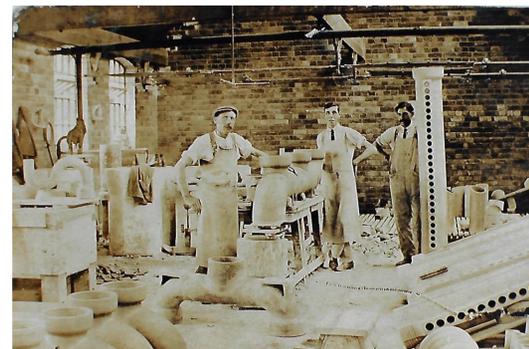


Kiln firing was just one of many skilled jobs.



In 1914 Suttons advertised for workers for their new sanitary pipeworks.

All applicants must be aged 11+.



During the height of the industry chimneys and kilns produced great swathes of smoke and the salt glazing process released large amounts of hydrochloric acid in to the air.



By 1970 Suttons pipeworks had closed, followed by Robinson & Dowlers by the early 1980's. In 1990 the first tree of the National Forest was planted.



These pipes can still be seen across the area.

People used them for all sorts of things, including building walls and garden planters.

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