

Gas Works

Miss Haig or Creta in Ethelbert Road, Minnis Bay, says that Mr Arthur Rayden erected the Gas Works at Birchington in 1885.

He was a London Stockbroker.

The Gas Works were in Gas Row, opposite the Church in what was then called Church Street, now the western half of Canterbury Road. The gasholder was just behind the two Edwardian villas.

The title of "Gasworks" is a misnomer, as there was only ever a small gas holder in the village. The gas was generated by the Westgate and Birchington Gasworks in the open farmland on the S. side of Westgate.

The site came up for sale on 11th June 1887.