

Rossetti Gardens



This plot of land was scrubland for many years, used for numerous temporary sheds and business ventures. In the photo on the left, we can see the Cycle Factory as it looked in c. 1889. The plot of land beside it is filled with small wooden buildings, which included Smith, Bootmaker, Barrows, Shoe Repairer (1915-16) and Millen, the blind Basket Maker (1924).

In 1924, plans were submitted by Fairbrother to build a large bank on the site, but this idea was rejected on the grounds that there were inadequate services to provide for the needs of such a large development at this end of the village. As Sandles Road did not exist then, it would appear that the land on the west side of the present road was incorporated into the Gardens area and the road was planned to go along the far edge of the double plot.



The pieces of land on both sides of the footpath that later became Sandles Road were left untended, and mainly unused, until the Wine Bar was created (2001) and the house in Sandles Road was built (2003).