

VYE'S GROCERY STORES

Vye's Grocery Stores originally occupied the building stood in the Square next door to the Queen's Head. It had been owned by the Hinkley family for two generations and was bought from the son of the family in about 1919. By 1920, it already appears in Kelly's Directory as Vye's Stores. The shop continued to flourish there until the new shops were built at the far end of Station Road in 1967. Vye's then moved down to this end of the street. By this time Vye's had been trading in Birchington for 50 years.

Not very long afterwards, the Vye's chain of stores was taken over by the Lipton chain and then they built a large new super-store at the back of St Peter's Church in Broadstairs, which meant that they chose to close our much smaller one and sell out to another firm.