

Fred and Eva's NEWMAN'S shops in Station Road

Fred and Eva Newman took on the shop at 111 Station Road in 1938 after it had been empty for a year. In those days it was a general grocer's store. Their daughter believes it was called the Ideal Stores at that time, although this name doesn't appear in any of the Kelly's Directories. It is always listed under their own surname. They ran it all through the Second World War and were still trading there in 1948, when Kelly's was first re-published after the war.

They are not shown in any site after 1948 until they reappear in 1955 at 47, Station Road. By then they are shown as running a Greengrocery store. It proved a good move and they acquired a name for very fresh fruit and vegetables. Their shop was always immaculately clean and had the wonderful aroma of fresh smelling produce as you walked in the open fronted store. They continued trading here, with their son Brian joining them, until Eva died in the early 1970s.



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Fred Newman's greengrocer's shop has a blind over it – c. 1955