

Poynton

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The Queen

The Queen had a difficult time in the 1990s. In a speech to mark her Ruby Jubilee in 1992, she called the year her 'annus horribilis' (horrible year). The marriages of three of her children ended in the 1990s - Charles, Andrew and Anne. There was also a fire at Windsor Castle. In 1997, Princess Diana, died in a car crash in Paris. The family faced a lot of negative public scrutiny in the 1990s. Happier events in the 90s included her Golden wedding anniversary in 1997, and the wedding of Prince Edward in 1999.



Illustrated London News 1st July 1993, from the British Newspaper Archive



Fountain Place early 1990s - Keith Hampton



The World in the 1990s

The 1990s brought the thawing and end of the Cold War, the dissolution of the Soviet Union, and a realignment of economic and political power across the world. Iraq invaded Kuwait in 1990, leading to the Gulf War. Conflicts occurred in Africa and Eastern Europe and led to the Rwandan and Bosnian genocides. Tensions between Israel and the Arab world continued. At the end of the decade, the 'Troubles' in Northern Ireland came to an end with the Good Friday Agreement following 30 years of violence. Labour won the general election in 1997, ending 18 years of Conservative Government. The 1990s saw an advance in new forms of media, such as cable television and the World Wide Web. Music movements like grunge, the rave scene, hip hop and 'Britpop' became popular with young people worldwide.

Poynton in the 1990s

The population of Poynton in 1991 was 14,421. In 1997, Poynton celebrated the 50th anniversaries of VE and VJ days with the Royal British Legion parading at Poynton Park. Also in 1997, following the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, residents signed a book of condolence at the Civic Hall. The Anson Museum was developed in the 1990s and the Nelson Pit visitor centre opened in 1999. The A34 Bypass was completed in November 1995. East Cheshire Clinic and Priorslegh Practice moved into new premises opposite the library and McIlvride Practice extended its premises on Chester Road. In 1995, residents were worried about a threat of open cast mining on the old Park Pits site, but after a campaign and petitions, the plans were dropped.

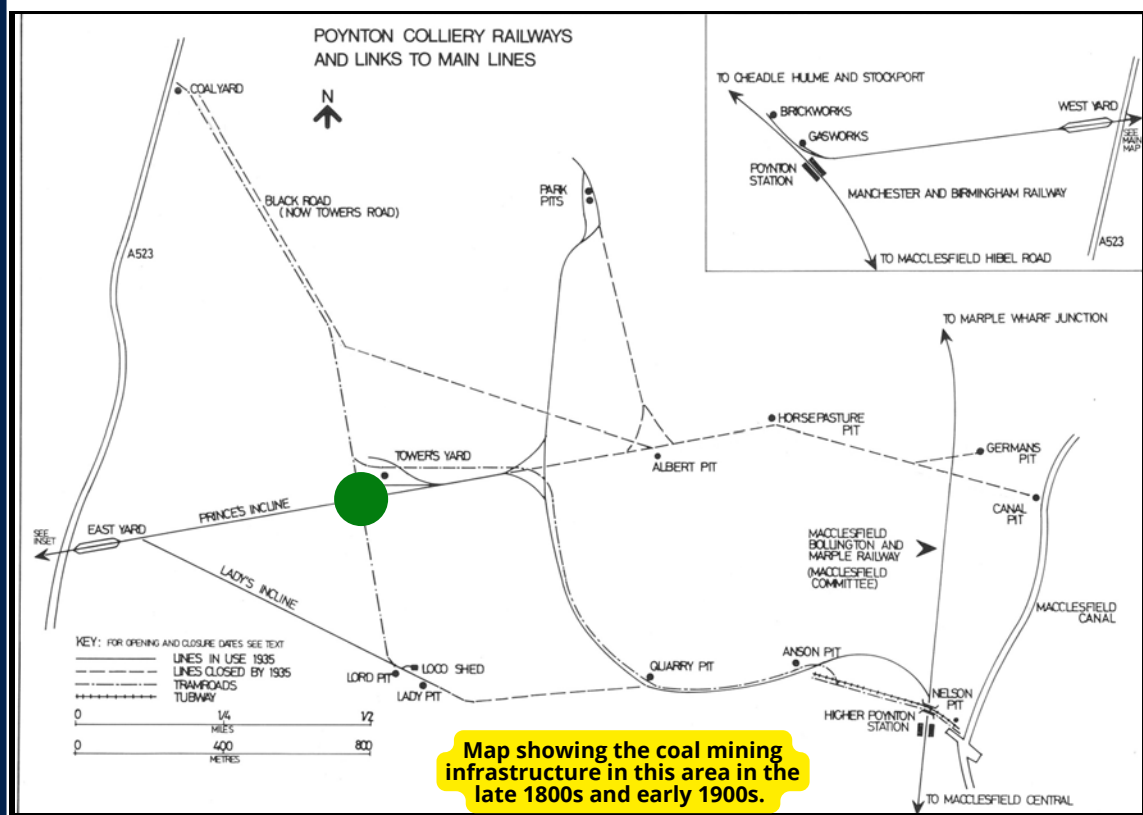


This Place Prince's Incline and Towers Yard

You now stand at the point where Prince's Incline crosses Towers Road, at the green dot on the map below.

Lady's and Prince's Inclines meet on Woodside Lane, near to trail point 3 (where East Yard is labelled on the map to the left). They were built as part of the Poynton Colliery railway system. Coal from the pits was brought down the inclines to Poynton Railway Station, and goods were brought up to the pits. In the late 1800s, Lord Vernon's estate yielded approximately 200 - 250,000 tons of coal per year, and around 400-500 men were working in the pits.

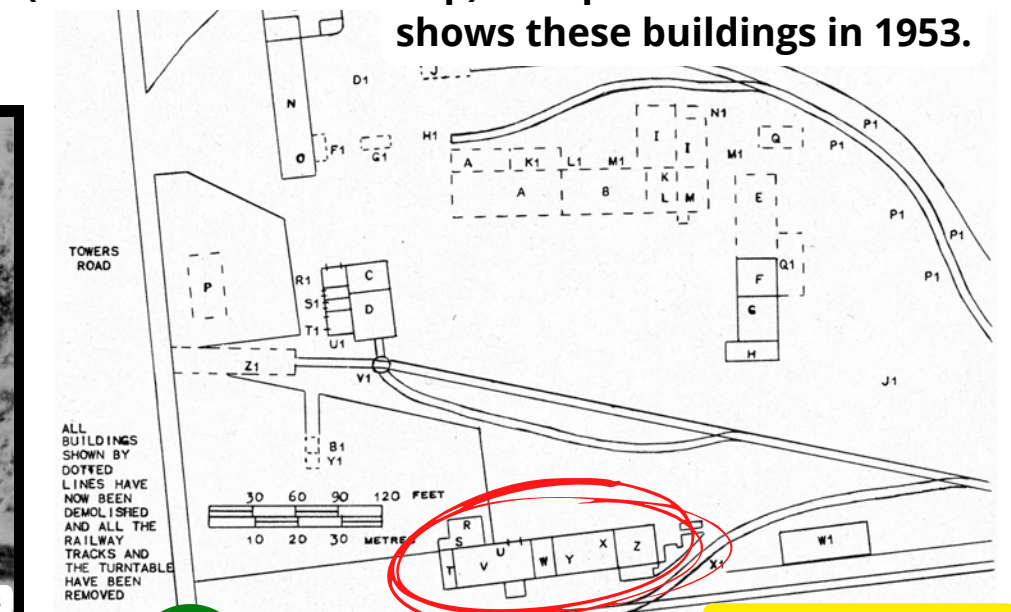
'Towers Yard' was the main administrative centre for the Poynton collieries. Most of the buildings were built in the 1830s and 40s. You now stand at the green circle slice on the map below. If you walk slightly up Prince's Incline, you will see a row of buildings on the left which housed the Pay window, General offices and the Colliery Manager's Office (circled red on the map). The photo underneath shows these buildings in 1953.



Map showing the coal mining infrastructure in this area in the late 1800s and early 1900s.



Miners going to work in the pits in Poynton - 1920s



From www.brocross.com

Map (and map of Towers Yard to the right) used with the kind permission of David Kitching, taken from his Brocross website. This website gives a huge amount of detail about the Poynton collieries, and the history of Poynton in general, and includes content from WH Shercliff, who wrote the books 'Poynton - A Coalmining Village', as well as other very informative and interesting books about Poynton.

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The crossroads at which you stand, facing North towards Towers Road c.1900

Did you know? Towers Road was previously known as Black Road, because of the coal mines in this area!

28.3.1949 Manchester Times
end of the line.—Railway lines used by coal trucks from Poynton mines to Poynton Station have been removed.

POYNTON.
WAGGON ACCIDENT.—On Thursday afternoon week the jig rope on the lower portion of Lord Vernon's colliery tramway broke, just as the full waggon had started down the incline for Poynton Village. The result was a considerable smash of the waggon, but we hear of no personal injuries.

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The old colliery offices, pictured in 1953 - HD Bowtell Used courtesy of the Manchester Locomotive Society

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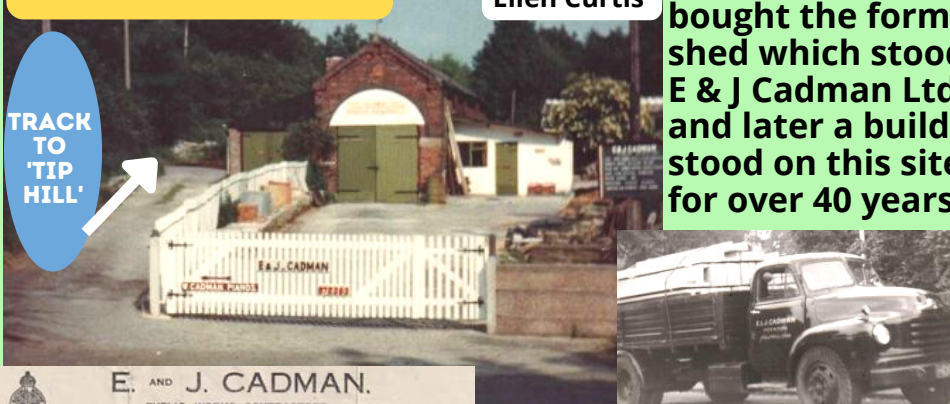
On the bend of Towers Road, you will go past the track to 'Tip Hill'

Cadman's Yard

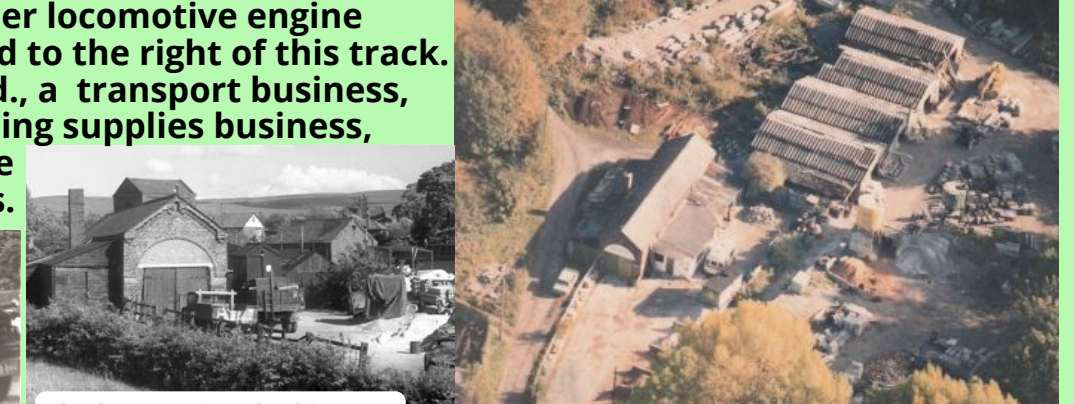
1983, Ellen Curtis

In the late 1940s, Jack and Ernest Cadman bought the former locomotive engine shed which stood to the right of this track. E & J Cadman Ltd., a transport business, and later a building supplies business, stood on this site for over 40 years.

Aerial view of Cadman's Yard - 1983



Ernest Cadman's van, approx 1960



The locomotive shed in 1953 HD Bowtell photo, used courtesy of the Manchester Locomotive Society

Ellen Curtis

