



Hipwell's Foden steam wagon c1906

Hipwells owned and operated Stoke Mills, Bletsoe, as well as being farmers and general merchants. Despite the address shown on the side of the wagon, Stoke Mills was in fact a detached part of Bletsoe surrounded by Sharnbrook land until 1936 when the boundaries were rationalised. The house now known as The Haydens (adjacent to Bletsoe Cottage and the Falcon Inn) was owned and occupied by Hipwells, who also built Hillside House in Kennel Hill, Sharnbrook.

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