

Britannia Mill

Was a spinning and weaving mill built about 1840, the mill was also known as Brandwood Mill. In 1851 the mill employed 168 people seven years later the Britannia Cotton Mill Company was registered. The shareholders were Joshua Lord, Richard Smith and William Sutcliffe.

The mill was enlarged in 1860 six years later James Smith Sutcliffe, and James Sutcliffe Smith took over the business.

By 1917 the Ormerod family had taken over parts of the mill under the Lancashire Sock Company.

The houses on New Line numbered 141 - 183 are associated with the mill as is the streets opposite named William and Sutcliffe.

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