

THE HISTORY OF BIRKENHEAD

Before the garden

People used to throw their sewage into the pond of the Birkenhead works in the 17th Century. There were large pits (latrines) close by and the water from them, which overflowed to neighbouring houses, was used for washing clothes.

In 1685 a bridge of solid stone (granite) was built and the water was carried to the waterworks of the works. Because of the bridge, known as the Duke's bridge, built in 1712, the water was carried to the works during the early years of the century. Little is known about this early water supply, but it was probably made when the water was carried out of the pond and small runs were dug to it.

The origin of the name Birkenhead is uncertain, possibly of Saxon origin, but it is mentioned in the 10th century when the area became known as Birkenhead (Birkenhead).

The Duke's bridge in 1712 brought about changes. The Duke's bridge of 1712 was made of stone and built a dam at the foot of the Duke's bridge, which carried the water to the works, called the Duke's bridge. This was the first of the works.

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