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- **1725** - A Quaker, Mary Tuke opens shop in Walmgate.
- **1775** - Wm. Tuke and Sons take over shop.
- **1785** - They start selling cocoa.
- **1862** - Henry Isaac Rowntree acquires cocoa side of business.
- **1864** - Tanner's Moat, York, receive ingredients via Hull Docks.
- **1869** - Henry Isaac's brother, Joseph, becomes a partner in the business. They manufacture a range of cocoas.
- **1881** - Rowntrees Fruit Pastilles are introduced.
- **1893** - Rowntrees Fruit Gums are introduced.
- **1883** - Joseph Rowntree is left in sole control following Henry Isaac's death.
- **1887** - Rowntree's famous Elect Cocoa is introduced.
- **1889** - Joseph's son, Benjamin Seebohm Rowntree, joins the business.
- **1890** - The "Cocoa Works", at Haxby Road, are built.
- **1897** - Rowntree & Co becomes Limited, with Joseph Rowntree as Chairman.
- **1901** - Rowntree's Table Jellies are introduced.
- **1902** - The Cocoa Works Magazine, 'CWM', is launched.
- **1904** - The company appoints a doctor and a dentist.
- **1906** - A pension scheme is introduced. The site moves to Haxby Road.
- **1909** - Yearsley swimming baths are presented by the company to the City of York.
- **1910** - Walnut Whip are introduced.
- **1913** - School rooms and a gymnasium are opened, and dining facilities for 3,000 employees are completed.
- **1916** - One of the first Widows Benefit Funds in the UK is established.
- **1918** - An annual week's holiday with full pay is introduced.
- **1919** - A Central Works Council is formed for employees.
- **1921** - Rowntree Park is presented by the Company. Unemployment scheme introduced.
- **1923** - Seebohm Rowntree succeeds his father, Joseph, as chairman.
- **1925** - Joseph Rowntree dies.
- **1928** - The Joseph Rowntree Memorial
- **1933** - Black Magic chocolates are introduced.
- **1935** - Chocolate Crisp (Kit Kat) is introduced. The Joseph Rowntree Theatre opens.
- **1935** - Aero is introduced.
- **1936** - Dairybox is introduced.
- **1936** - Blue Riband is introduced.
- **1936** - Quality Street are introduced.
- **1937** - Chocolate Crisp changes it's name to Kit Kat.
- **1937** - Rolos are introduced.
- **1937** - Smarties are introduced.
- **1941** - George Harris succeeds Seebohm.
- **1948** - Polo Mints are introduced.
- **1953** - Polo Fruits are introduced.

- **1954** - Seebohm Rowntree dies.
- **1957** - Munchies are introduced.
- **1958** - Fawdon factory, Newcastle, opens.
- **1959** - Caramac is introduced.
- **1962** - After Eight is introduced.
- **1963** - Toffee Crisp introduced.
- **1963** - Tooty Frooties introduced.
- **1965** - Jellytots introduced.
- **1967** - Golden Cup is introduced.
- **1968** - Matchmakers is introduced.
- **1969** - Rowntree & Co Ltd and John Mackintosh & Sons Ltd become Rowntree Mackintosh Ltd.
- **1970** - Castleford factory is opened.
- **1970** - Breakaway is introduced.
- **1972** - Wins Queen's Award for Export.
- **1976** - Yorkie is introduced.
- **1976** - Lion Bar introduced.
- **1978** - Wins Queen's Award for Export.
- **1980** - Drifter is introduced.
- **1982** - Aero Countline is introduced.
- **1985** - Automated Warehouse is opened in York.
- **1986** - A £16 million Kit Kat 4 factory plant is opened in York.
- **1987** - The company name is changed to Rowntree plc.
- **1988** - Nestlé SA buys Rowntree plc.
- **1989** - Rowntree Mackintosh receives its fourth Queen's Award for Export Achievement. Nestlé shares are quoted on the London Stock Exchange.
- **1991** - The Lord Mayor of York opens the £14million Cocoa Processing Plant. Helmut Maucher, Nestlé SA Chairman and Managing Director, opens the £6 million Product Technology Plant. Vice Versas are introduced.
- **1992** - Ramon Masip, Executive Vice President of Nestlé SA, opens the £15.5 million Polo Mint plant in York.
- **1993** - York's Lord Mayor Councillor Ann Reid opens the £18 million chocolate making plant in York. The new plant can produce four tonnes of milk chocolate an hour.
- **1994** - Nestlé UK Ltd. wins the Queen's Award for Export Achievement for the first time. Confectionery plays a major role, with 28 per cent of Nestlé UK's confectionery.
- **1997** - Maverick is launched.
- **1999** - Kit Kat Chunky launched.
- **2000** - Rolo biscuit launched
- **2002** - Double Cream chocolate bar launched.
- **2003** - Kit Kat Kubes launched.
- **2004** - Fruity Smarties, Kit Kat Editions and Baci introduced.

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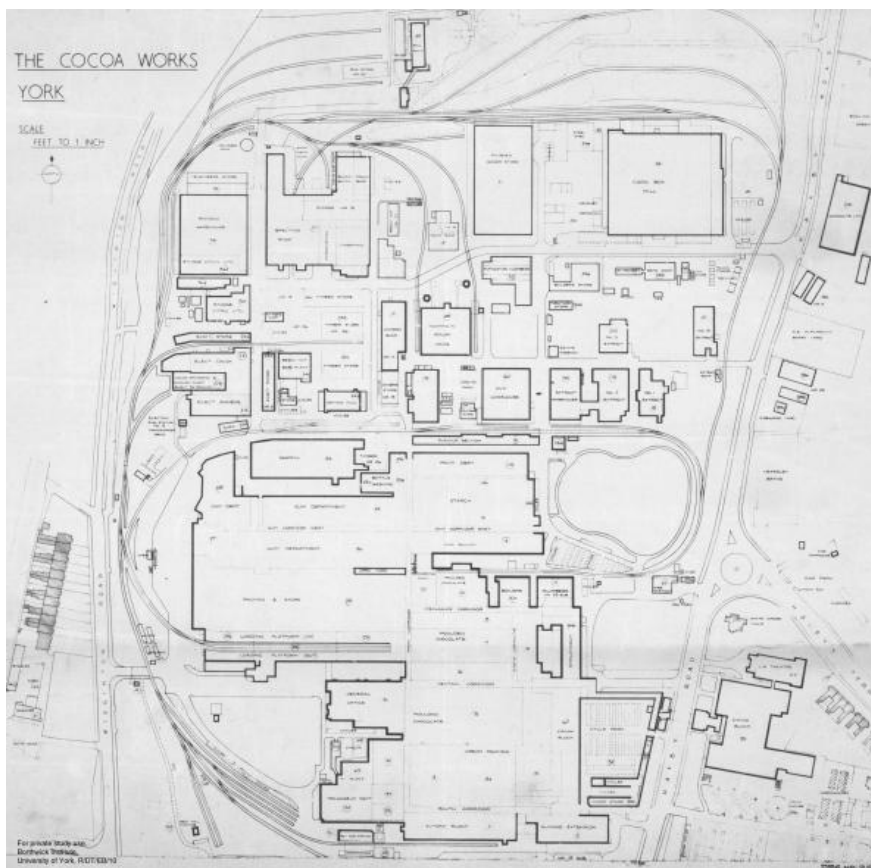
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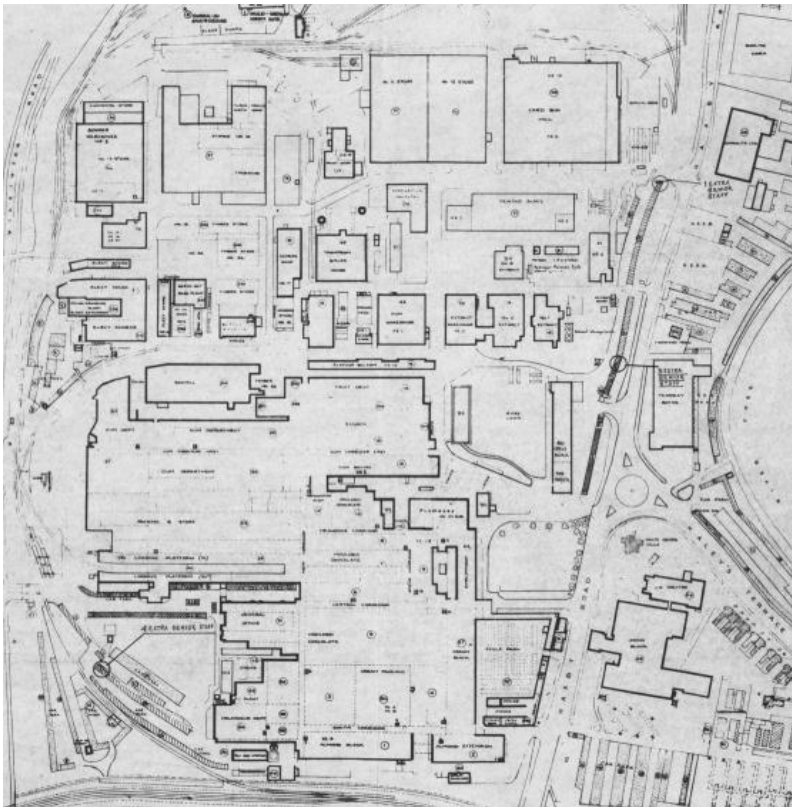
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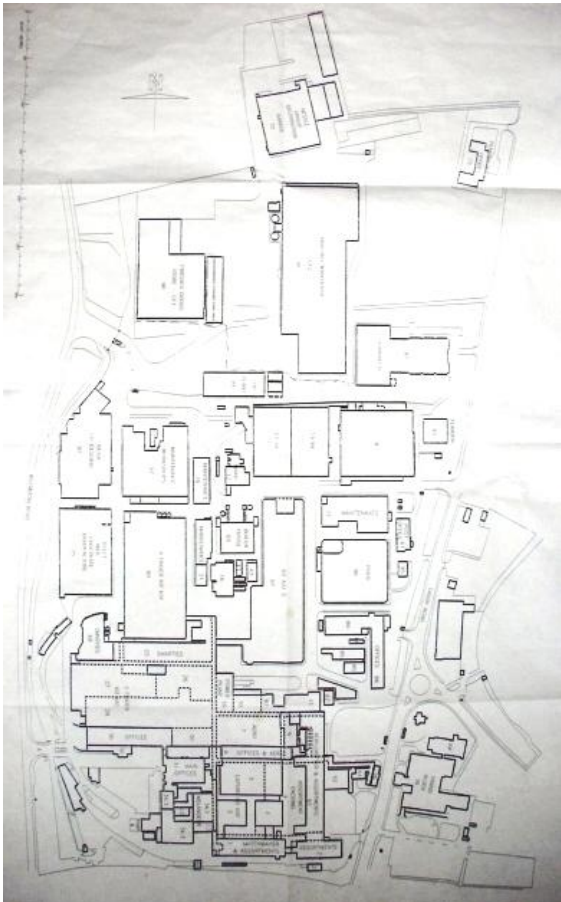
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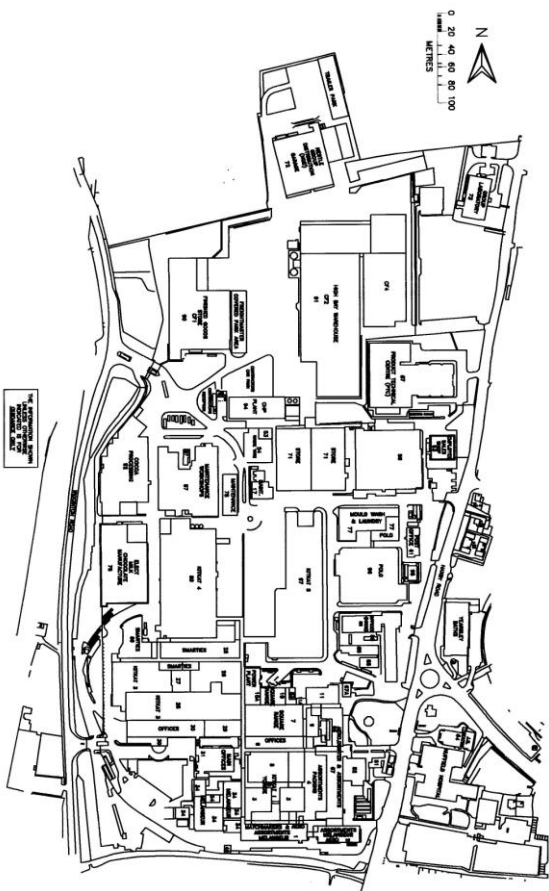
Rowntree & Co Ltd plan of site with building numbers and functions pre 1960



Rowntree Mackintosh Ltd plan of the site with building numbers and functions 1975



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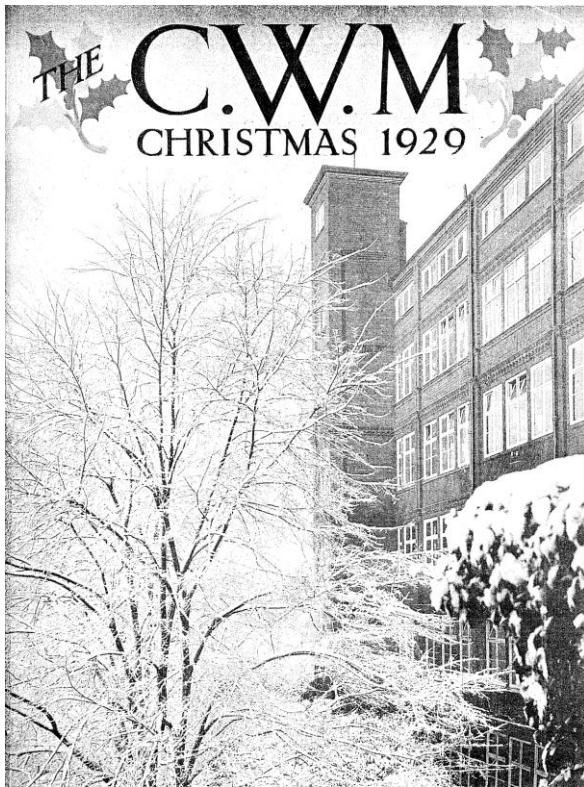


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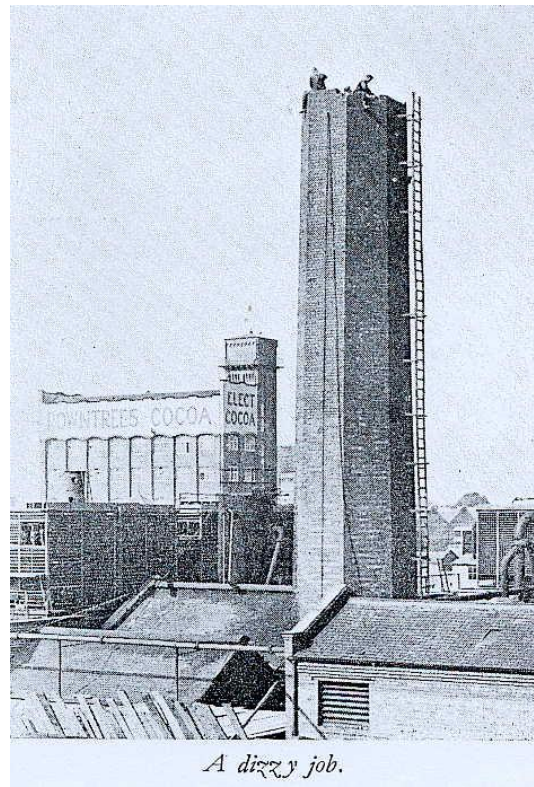
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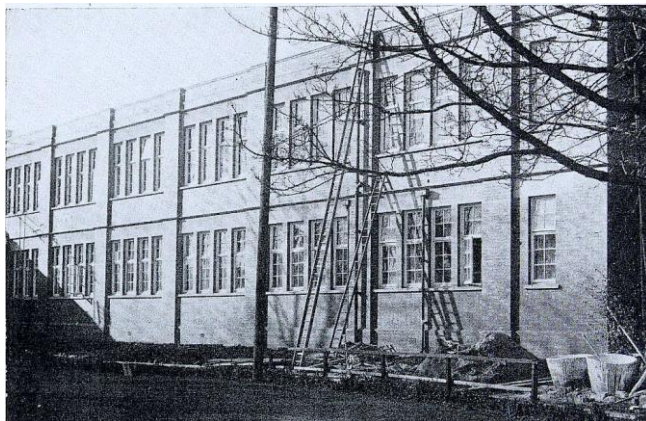
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View of the Almond Block at Christmas 1929 used as the front cover of the Cocoa Works Magazine, prepared on a monthly basis and issued to staff on the site



Chimney to boiler house felled in 1934 after 44 years of use since it was erected in 1890. It was originally 150ft high, but was reduced to 137ft in 1908 when it was inspected and renovated. It had a square base 21ft across; the thickness of the sides of the base was 3ft 6ins. The space created by the removal of the chimney was used to accommodate the high speed direct coupled refrigerator



The Employment Block built to the right of the main avenue from Haxby Road, which replaced the Men's Employment Department. The block accommodated the Medical, Dental, Psychological and Education Departments as well as the Employment Department. The flooring was a terrazzo finish laid by Italians



View of the Cream Block in 1946

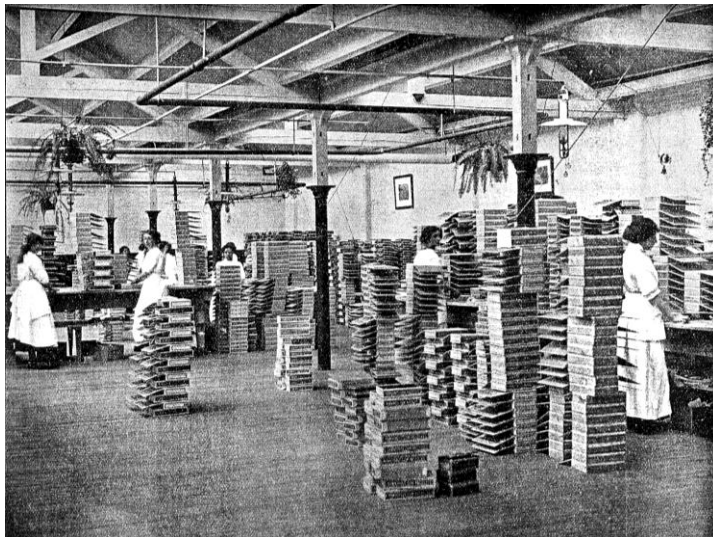
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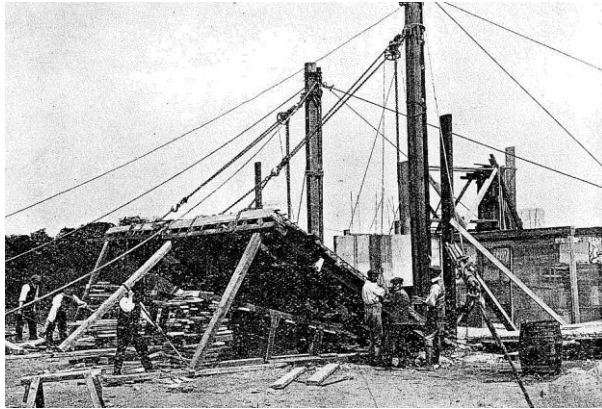
The centre shop is the original Grocer's Shop in The Pavement kept by Joseph Rowntree's father. The latter started business in The Pavement in 1822 and 30 years later Joseph Rowntree entered his father's business at the age of 15, he remained there until 1869 when he joined his brother Henry Isaac at Tanner's Moat.



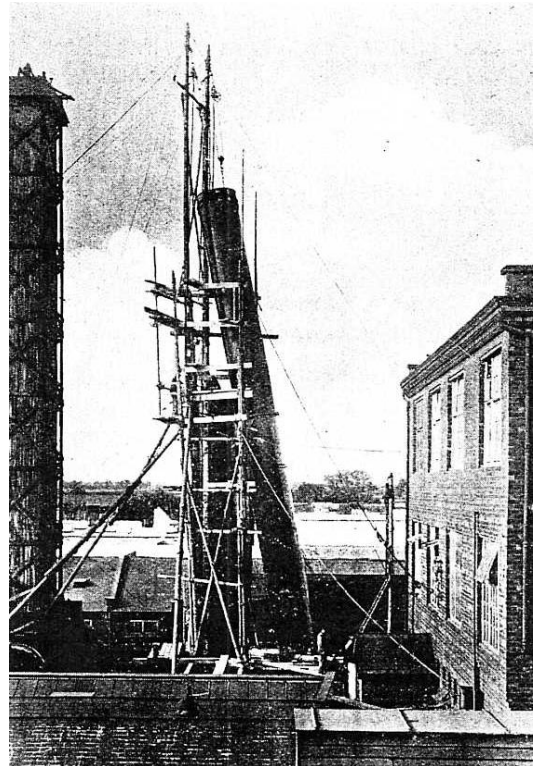
Workers in the Gum Labelling Room



The Loading Shed. This photograph represents about 60 tons of goods ready for despatch and packed from the evening on the previous day



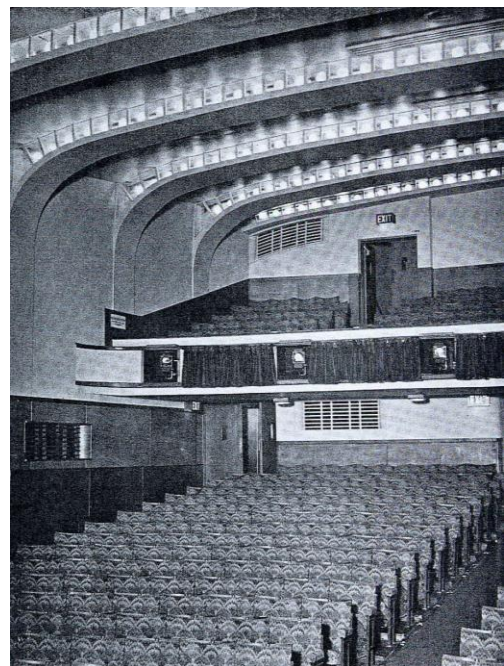
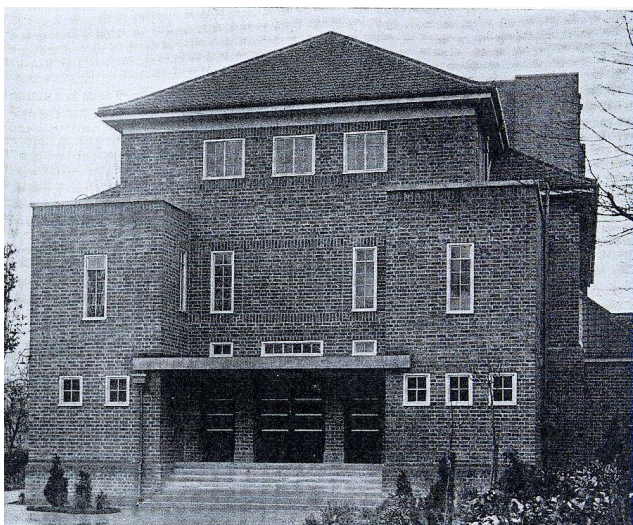
Hoisting a section of reinforced concrete panel walling into place. The Building Department from Rowntree's erected a house for Seebohm Rowntree at his home near Robin Hood's Bay to show the possibilities for the use of concrete as a method of providing cheap social housing for workers. The house was erected over a Whitsuntide holiday



Hoisting the new chimney into place for the extension to the Boiler Plant. The boiler installed was a water tube boiler manufactured by Babcock & Wilcox of Renfrew, Scotland. Coal was fed mechanically into the hopper and on to the chain grate

The Joseph Rowntree Theatre formerly called the Joseph Rowntree Hall opened in 1935 for the benefit of the Rowntree employees.

The Theatre is the only listed building in the Rowntree portfolio of buildings and has been cited as a rare example of a surviving theatre from the mid-1930s outside London, and an example of the progressive social policies of the Rowntree family towards their workforce.



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Listing description for Joseph Rowntree Theatre

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HAXBY ROAD (East side)

29-MAY-03

Joseph Rowntree Theatre

Grade II

Theatre and lecture hall. Opened November 1935, with small late-C20 addition. Designed by Barry Parker for the Joseph Rowntree Village Trust. Brown brick with concrete dressings and pantile roofs. Chamfered brick plinth.

Main entrance to west has 3-storey recessed centre with triple doorway reached up six concrete steps with wooden canopy over. Above three small windows, then two tall casement windows either side of blank centre, above again three 2-light casement windows. Projecting wings either side have two square uPVC casement windows to left and three similar windows to right. Wings topped with brick parapet topped with concrete coping.

Side elevations each have 5 full height buttresses with concrete set-offs, slightly projecting lower floor has concrete coping. Small single-storey flat-roofed late-C20 addition to north.

Rear has tall 4-storey fly-tower with broad plain buttresses, flat roof and concrete coped parapets.

INTERIOR. Entrance foyer has original composite floor with staircase to left, similar right staircase has been altered to form a small box office. Shallow steps with metal rails lead to auditorium doors between original light fittings. Auditorium has raking stalls and narrow balcony with plain curved front. Both have panelling to dado height incorporating louvred ventilators. Proscenium opening has segmental arch flanked by convex quadrant walls. Balcony front and orchestra pit front are curved on plan. Ceiling spanned by shallow arched ribs that die into the walls and continue as pilaster strips. Original wooden seating survives throughout though re-upholstered at later date. Original stage machinery survives.

Originally fitted with ventilation system reputed to be 'one of the most up-to-date systems in the country'. Also fitted with film projection room and modern loudspeaker system for the reproduction of recorded music.

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