

GIRLINGSTONE

There was a fairly serious fire at the Cranford Park Information Centre a couple of weeks ago [late September 2014] with the resultant fire causing much damage, whereas some of the material destroyed is replaceable the statue of the Grey Lady has suffered badly from fire and smoke.



Occasionally 'however' as can be the case when something of this nature happens, some good comes of it.

Girlingstone was formed on the 21st June 1923 they were makers of concrete contrivances and heavy structural beams and reinforced 'Ferro' concrete members for frame buildings. Additionally they manufactured 'urban' street furniture.

Their Headquarters locally was at Hatton along the Great South West Road. Today we have Girling Way to mark the existence of the firm



This is a personalised Lorry 'a Dennis or a Foden'?

An example of their Municipal work was Lamp Standards – as the below promotional tells us.



When the Dim-out ends
GIRLING
REINFORCED
CONCRETE
LAMP
STANDARDS

will ensure a better standard of street lighting

When victory is won and the lights go up again, Girling Concrete Lamp Standards will contribute immeasurably to the better lighting of streets and thoroughfares. Municipal and Local Government Authorities now considering post-war lighting schemes are invited to apply for full details.

ADVANTAGES INCLUDE:

- Steel reinforcement ensures maximum strength
- Permanent and non-corrosive
- Light in colour with smooth stone finish
- Made from modern material in keeping with present-day road construction
- No painting or maintenance costs

ASK ALSO FOR DETAILS OF CONCRETE DIRECTION AND TRAFFIC SIGNS, STREET NAME-PLATES, ETC.

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“when victory is won and the lights go on again Girling concrete Lamp Standards will contribute to better lighting of streets and thoroughfares.

This advert is dated January/March 1945

This is another example (Published in: Scottish Municipal Annual, 1951) - I cannot remember seeing these perhaps they were to a specific Scottish requirement



Designed to ensure a higher standard of Street Lighting

A definite aid to the better lighting of streets and thoroughfares will be found in the new and modern designs of reinforced concrete lamp standards produced by GIRLINGS. Municipal and Local Government authorities now considering lighting schemes are invited to write for full details.

Note these special advantages.

- ★ Welded Steel reinforcement ensures maximum strength.
- ★ Permanent and non-corrosive.
- ★ Light in colour with smooth or polished treatment.
- ★ Cast by electro-magnetic vibration from specially selected aggregates.
- ★ No painting or maintenance costs.

Enquiries invited for all pre-cast concrete work.

GIRLINGS'
Reinforced Concrete
LAMP STANDARDS

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SUPPLIERS OF
FERRO-CONCRETE WORK

This is an aerial view taken of the works in 1932 looking north towards Cranford



Girling Ferro Concrete Co Ltd Sand, Ballast and Gravel Works, Hatton, 1932

This one shows the Great South West Road – the Crane River can be seen along the left side of the image



Image reference EPW037515, Date April 1932

Hatton; Administrative area Hounslow, Easting/Northing 510386, 175673; NGR TQ104757

Additionally they made what today would be classed as ‘park furniture’ and it is such an item that this ‘presented’ Concrete Trough is an example of. This is outside the Information Centre at Cranford Park and went un-noticed until the fire.



“Sole makers Girlingstone Feltham Middlesex”