



Blackminster Business Park

An enterprise village in the making

DIRECTORY





The Blackminster site was built in the early 1900s by George Cadbury of the Cadbury's Chocolate family. His idea was to create a fruit canning factory situated right in the heart of The Vale of Evesham, where the supply of local fruit would be plentiful. Helping to supply such fruit was the recently formed co-operative called "Littleton and Badsey Growers" who had established themselves on the then "Blackminster Rail yard" now currently occupied by Midfield Motors. George Cadbury had several buildings built, mostly two storeys with 18 inch solid brick walls, 9 inch solid concrete floors and in the basement of No 7 building some 6,000 sq ft of brickwork arches, a real sight to see.

Littleton & Badsey Growers Committee 1913



These we believe stored the fruit at a constant temperature before canning. These buildings have now been sympathetically restored and sub-divided into more manageable units, and are still available to view with the permission of their new tenants. Many original architects' drawings have been found on the site, some drawn on linen and scribed by Cadbury's own draftsmen. Of particular interest is the four storey building as you enter the park with breathtaking views over the open countryside, the roadside shops, once the Cadbury workers "Dining Hall" complete with male and female changing and bathing facilities, and "The Old Boiler House" that once stood proud with a 50 ft octagonal chimney. The Cadbury fruit canning adventure however was a short lived business and the site was soon taken over by the ever evolving Littleton & Badsey Growers co-operative. During the war years the old Cadbury's Dining Hall was used for producing aircraft pilot's goggles and also gas masks. After the war LBG as it was affectionately known went from strength to strength helping their members and many local market gardeners produce and distribute their products throughout the country, the 3.5 acre sight was as busy as ever when in 2001 The Littleton & Badsey Growers successfully took over GMS (Growers Marketing Supplies) together with their premises on "Vale Business Park" this signalled the demise of the site in Blackminster to little more than a lot of empty run down old buildings. After several attempts by LBG to sell the site and the constant threat of bulldozers the future looked grim, until by chance Paul Middleton owner of Midfield Motors who ironically now owns the old LBG rail yard site, asked the LBG, and not for the first time if he could buy the 3 cottages they also owned next to the site, they were originally built by Cadbury's as Foreman's and night watchman's accommodation, the answer yet again was no, and Paul was told if he wanted the cottages he would have to buy the site as well. The rest as they say is history, he did buy both, and with a vision for the creation of an "Enterprise Village" Blackminster Business Park is now in the making.





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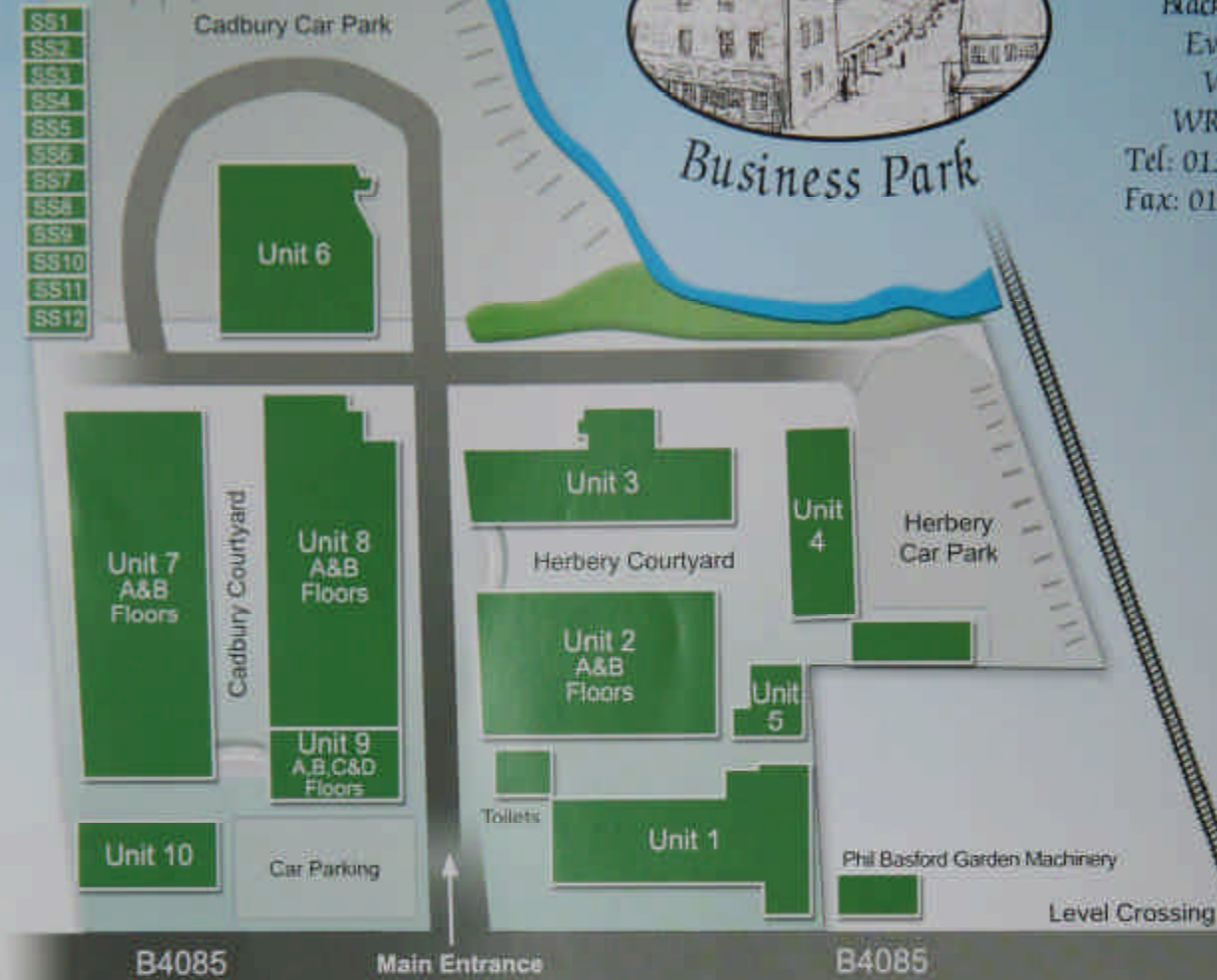
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Unit 9:

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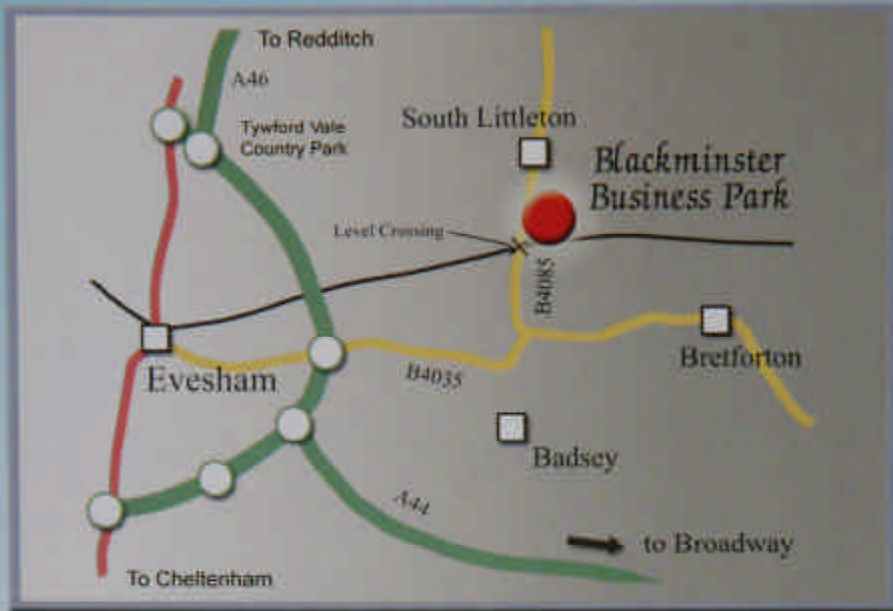
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