

ORIGIN OF ROAD NAMES ON THE LEYBOURNE ESTATE.

ABERDARE ROAD: There was a Lord Aberdare present on the opening day of racing at the racecourse in 1925.

ALDERLEY ROAD: The suffix 'Ley' is used. The root 'Alder' may be a compliment to the part played by Council Aldermen in the racecourse activities.

ALDRIDGE ROAD: Roads on Council Estates are often named after local citizens killed in the World Wars. Edward Aldridge, Private 2nd Dorset's, was killed in the Great War.

BRIERLEY ROAD: The suffix 'Ley' is used. The root 'Brier' may be connected with the root 'Thorn' of neighbouring Thornley Road.

BROADHURST ROAD: Originally called Old Stables Road, because it ran past the stables serving the racecourse. The suffix 'Hurst' may be connected with the same suffix in Saxonhurst Road.

BROCKLEY ROAD: The suffix 'Ley' is used.

BROOK ROAD: An ancient lane, running from East Howe Lane to the brook on Kinson Common.

BROUGHTON AVENUE: Sir Henry John Delves Broughton owned the land on which the Leybourne Estate was built.

DEANSCROFT ROAD: Originally called 'Studley Road': see entry for Leybourne Avenue.

DUDLEY ROAD: The suffix 'Ley' is used.

EAST HOWE LANE: An ancient lane, originally called Headless Cross Lane, because of its junction with Wimborne Road, which formed a 'cross' with no 'head'. Its renaming, when the area became a part of Bournemouth, shows that it runs from Kinson into East Howe.

ELGAR ROAD: Hugh Smiley Elgar, Lieutenant 2nd Btn., King's Royal Rifle Corps. W.W.2.

GILLAM ROAD: David James Gillam, Sergeant air gunner RAF W.W.2. and Leonard George Gillam, Sergeant air gunner and wireless operator 142 Squadron RAF W.W.2.

HEADSWELL AVENUE: This Avenue leads up from Head's Farm. It was named when the Redhill Heights Estate was built.

HILLVIEW ROAD: This road leads past Doves Hill Crescent and is at the top of the hill leading down into Ensby Vale. It was named when the Ensby Mount Estate was built.

HOWETH ROAD: The root 'Howe' features in several local place names. The area once called Howe is now Kinson Common.

HOXLEY ROAD: The suffix 'Ley' is used.

LEEDHAM ROAD: Originally called Hillview Road North. William Herbert 47 LEEDHAM ROAD (cont.): Leedham, Pilot Officer 53rd Squadron RAF W.W.2.

LEYBOURNE AVENUE: The name derives from the name of the Estate. An extract from the Memorandum of Association of the Fairmile Estate Company Ltd. reads:- 'At an extraordinary general meeting of the Company duly convened and held on the 18th day of September 1930 ; at 50 Pall Mall LONDON SW1, the following resolution was duly passed as a Special Resolution:- "Resolved that owing to local associations, reported to the Company, it is desirable to change the name of the Company and that the name of the Company be changed from 'The Fairmile Estate Company Ltd.' to 'The Leybourne Estate Company Ltd.' The name Leybourne seems to be composed of two parts: the ending 'Bourne' from Bournemouth and the beginning 'Ley' from the name 'Studley Growers Ltd.' a company owning part of Ensbury Farm in 1915. The full form would be STUD(LEY BOURNE)MOUTH. See also Deanscroft Road.

LONG ROAD: Albert Edward Long, Leading Seaman HMS 'Paragon'. Great War.

NORTHBOURNE AVENUE: An existing road, called 'Ensbury Gardens' was renamed and extended when the area was absorbed by Bournemouth. Both this road and the whole area were known by the new name of NORTHBOURNE, as the area is North of Bournemouth.

PALFREY ROAD: Possible Racecourse connection: a Palfrey is a small horse.

PERSLEY ROAD: The suffix 'Ley' is used. The root is a tribute to a director of the racecourse, horse owner Mr. H.S. Persse of Stockbridge.

ROMNEY ROAD: Unknown.

SAXONHURST ROAD: An existing road, called 'Garfield Road' was renamed and extended when the area was absorbed into Bournemouth, to avoid confusion with Garfield Avenue in Springbourne. 'Saxonhurst' was the name of No 1, Garfield Road.

THORNLEY ROAD: The suffix 'Ley' is used. (See Brierley Road).

WESTERN AVENUE: This is an extension of the westernmost road on the West Moordown Estate.

ETCHLEY CLOSE: At one time, before the Council bought the land, there was to be a close running North from Leybourne Avenue, between Dudley Road and East Howe Lane, to be called Etchley Close after Mr. Etches, who had been the leading local figure in the airfield, racecourse and building estates at Ensbury.

SALISBURY ROAD: On the Frost Plan of 1929, the main road across the estate was to be called Salisbury Road, after the city where Mr. Etches had interests in a cinema.