



W H COLLIER
Handmade Bricks Since 1863

Beauty no machine can match

Works Visit

W.H. Collier Ltd - Church Lane, Marks Tey, Colchester,
Essex, CO6 1LN
Friday 20 June 2025, 10.30am for 11am start

WH Collier Ltd have kindly agreed to host a visit by the British Brick Society on the above date, which being prior to the Society's AGM on Saturday 21st June in Colchester will allow members to see traditional handmade brick making, and Colchester's rich brick-built heritage.

Brick manufacture at WH Colliers works dates to 1863 when William H Collier came to the area from E&R Collier, a well-established brickmaking business in Reading.

Recognising the potential of deposits of London Clay a thriving business was established producing bricks, roofing tiles, land drains and other clay products. A pair of now disused kilns built in 1880 can still be seen at the site and are listed in the Industrial Register.

The Society last visited the works in 2010, and since then this family-owned business has developed and concentrated on producing two unique brick ranges, the Primrose a yellow-coloured blend and the Anglian, a red coloured blend. In addition to producing standard sized bricks a wide range of special shapes, fireplace briquettes and one-off commissions are undertaken.

All these products are produced by hand throwing and are used in both the Heritage and New Build sectors of the brick market.

Please advise the Society's Chair, Mike Chapman if you would like to attend by e mail chapman481@btinternet.com