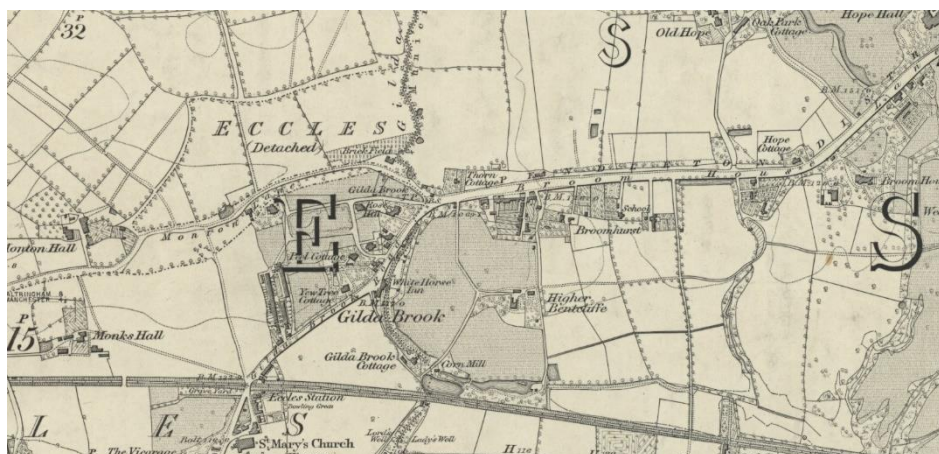


## Back in Time -14 - Hope Hospital

by John Rabbitt

As it is Thursday, in these very difficult times, I thought it would be appropriate to post some photographs and maps of our local hospital, Salford Royal; of course many of us still affectionately call it Hope Hospital. The 1848 Map shows the site on which the future Hope Hospital was built.



**Hope Hospital Map 1848**

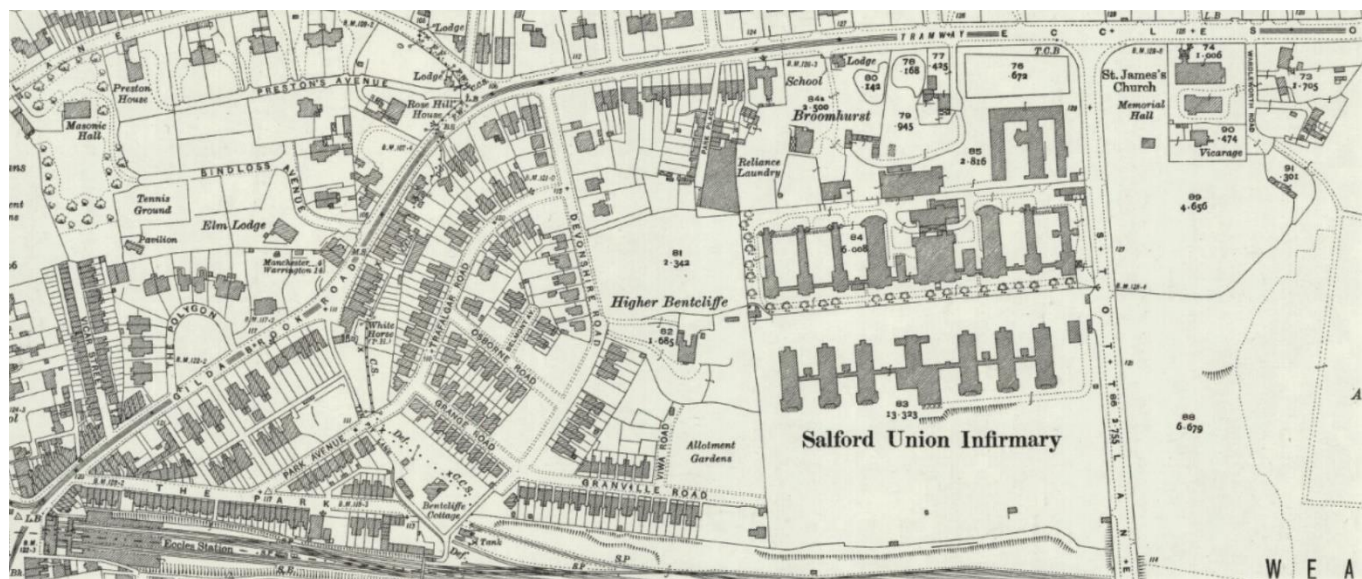
In 1848 Eccles Old Road was called Broom House Lane, Broom House can be seen on the right-hand side of the map. Stott lane can be seen running south from Broom House Lane. The lane running north from Broom House Lane to Old Hope would become Lancaster Road; there is no sign of St. James's Church which is now at the junction of Lancaster Road and Eccles Old Road. Ellesmere Park is the area in the top lefthand corner of the map, yet to be developed.

The map of 1894 shows the Salford Union Infirmary which would become Hope Hospital. The lane to Old Hope has now become Lancaster Road and St. James's Church is shown at the junction of Eccles Old Road and Lancaster Road.



**Hope Hospital Map 1894**

The map of 1929 shows the expansion of the hospital and all the properties built on Devonshire and Granville Roads.



**Hope Hospital Map 1929**

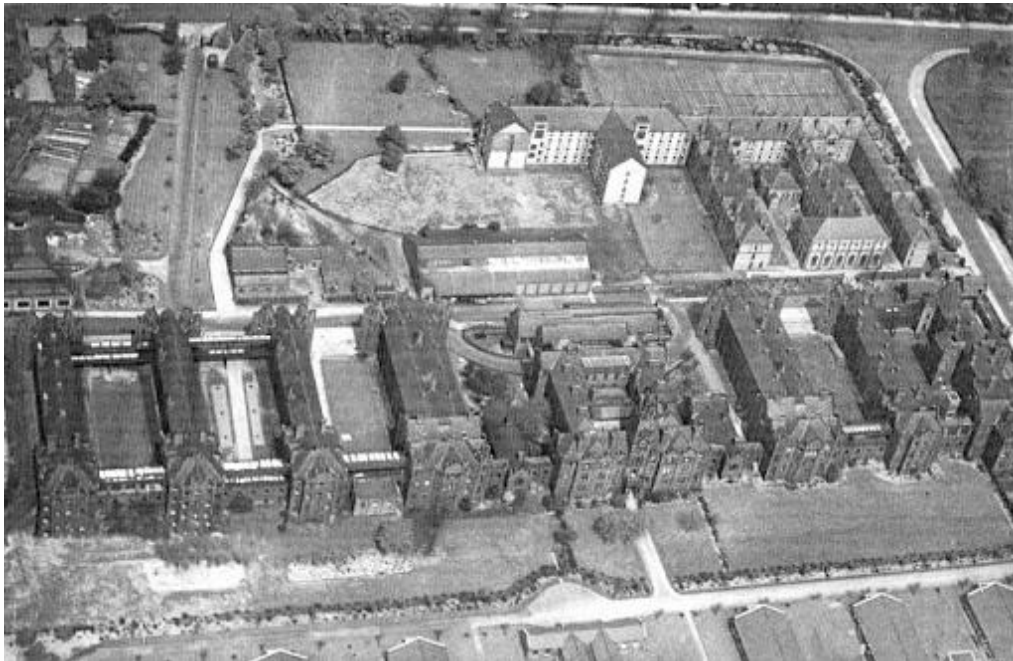
The photograph, Hope Hospital c1900, shows the impressive building that was the start of a long history of medical excellence and dedicated nursing of which many of us have benefitted from over the years.



**Hope Hospital circa 1900**



The aerial photograph, Hope Hospital circa 1943, is looking north. Eccles Old Road is running west to east at the top of the photograph, Stott Lane is running north to south on the right of the photograph. Given the high quality of the aerial photograph it is very likely that this was a bomb damage surveillance photograph taken by the military during WWII.



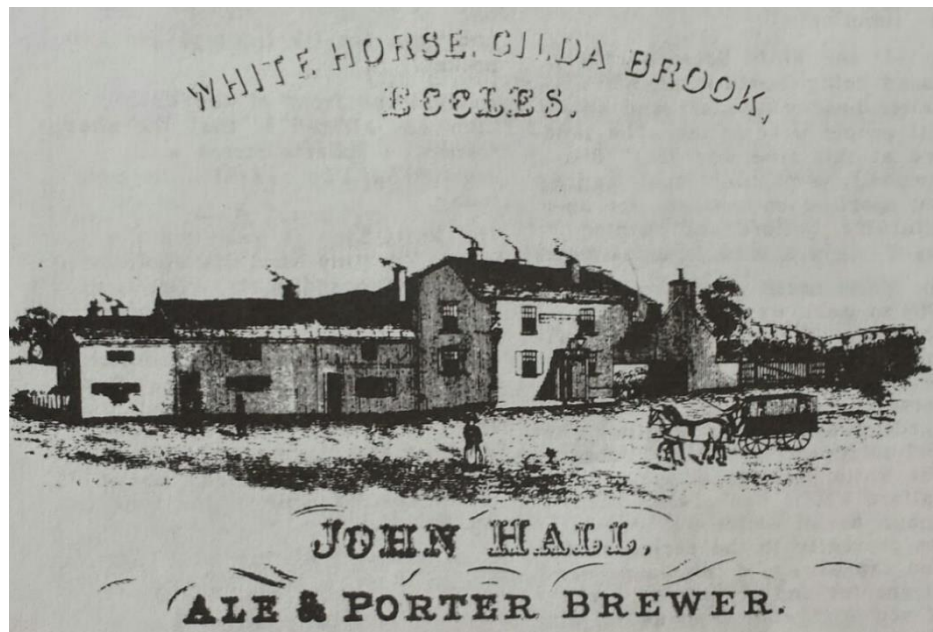
**Aerial photograph of Hope Hospital circa 1943**

The 1946 map, relates closely to the aerial photograph of Hope Hospital. Although the original hospital buildings have now been redeveloped, we are very fortunate that the Salford Union Infirmary of the 1880s has evolved to become one of the finest hospitals in the UK.



**Hope Hospital Map 1946**

Another landmark on the 1848 map many of us will remember is the White Horse Inn which is now somewhere under the roundabout at the M602 junction. This public house was originally called the 'Shovel and Broom' and was renamed the White Horse Inn in 1825.



The original White Horse Inn was demolished in 1935 and rebuilt as the pub many of us may remember on Gilda Brook Road, shown in the photograph below.



This pub was in turn was demolished in 1969 to make way for the M602. As a student in the 1960s I lived on Gilda Brook Road, almost next door to the White Horse. I can remember it was a popular venue for the nurses who worked at Hope Hospital and who lived in the flatted properties in Ellesmere Park, properties such as Mowbray House on Ellesmere Road which is now a family home.





### **Mowbray House - 2020 – Once privately owned rented flats for Hope Hospital nurses**

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Last Saturday I received the message below from one of our EPRA members which I found very humbling.

Dear John,

I can't tell you how much I'm enjoying your emails every day. Have always loved Ellesmere Park and its history - nice to see something new every day. I have had the COVID-19 infection, and just back to work this week.

I'm chief nurse at Stockport but trained at Hope Hospital and the original Salford Royal and went to Eccles College in 1982.

At work we are struggling but never without PPE yet - even though we are often at the last minute. I could've got it anywhere - but more likely at work - although I'm less patient facing in my role, I do go on my wards every day. Love my job and wouldn't do anything else.

Alison

A note from John:

Please don't forget to show your appreciation for all the NHS staff and Carers at 8pm tonight. Stay at home, stay safe, protect the NHS and save lives.

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