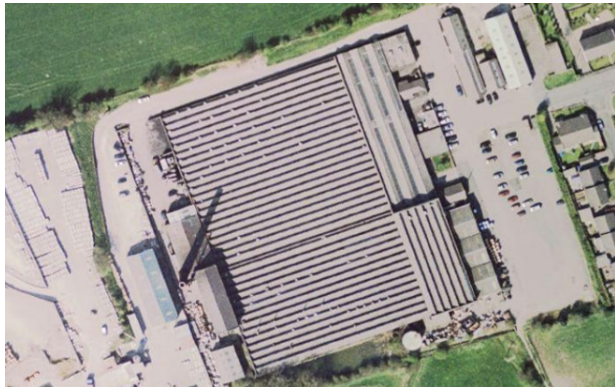


FERNBANK MILL, BARNOLDSWICK

Client: John D. Clark (Fernbank Shed Company Ltd)



Work on the demolition of the mill commenced during June 2011 with the methodical dismantling of the structure and careful segregation of salvageable materials.

The mill buildings contained a huge amount of utility services, with 24 separate electric supplies; 8 water supplies and 3 gas supplies, and it was of paramount importance that these potentially dangerous building elements were identified and isolated ahead of any structural demolition works taking place.



Fernbank Mill was commissioned for construction in 1914 by Hartley Edmondson; the Grandfather of the current owners, and the mill opened for weaving in 1915.

Weaving ceased at the mill in 1980 and thereafter a string of short-term tenants occupied the buildings. However, it was a constant struggle to keep the 150,000ft² property in good order, and combined with the Council's £50,000 per annum 'Rates' bill, and dwindling tenants, the writing was sadly on the wall for this once fine property.



The works were undertaken on the edge of a residential area and adjacent to a live commercial property and great care was required to provide high levels of Health & Safety

KEY DATA

Role	Principal Contractor
Value	c. £345,000
Dates	06/06/11 – 16/12/11
Client Contact	John Clark (Owner) Tel: 01282 813248 email: n/a



There was a significant amount of asbestos and asbestos containing materials on the site, and specialist licensed contractors were sub-contracted to remove this in the early stages.

Once the main structures had been razed to the ground it was the turn of the c.200 mill chimney, and this was gracefully removed by Warburton's Steeplejacks of Blackburn. A superb HD Video film of the mill's history, and the chimney demolition works can be viewed at www.youtube.com/watch?v=5pt3VIQGjAU

