

THE PRECINCT, ROMILEY

A Brief History

Romiley Precinct is the realised vision of 1960s town planners. The buildings on the South side of Compstall Road were demolished and cleared in the mid-1960s to create a site suitable for a new and modern mixed use development. Today, a mixed use scheme incorporating retail, office, leisure and housing is commonplace but Romiley was one of the first towns to see one of these modern schemes completed.



There were houses and local shops demolished to make way for the new buildings. The new scheme would provide the village community with a shopping centre with a large car park, a community centre, public toilet facilities, local authority housing in the form of maisonette flats above the shops and in addition a community theatre.

Funding for the scheme was jointly supplied by Stockport and Bredbury District Council (now a part of Stockport MBC) and Norwich Union Insurance Services. This form of public private partnership is common today but rare almost fifty years ago.

The buildings were completed in 1970 and the new tenants and occupiers moved in.



The shopping centre buildings as they are today.