

ABBOTS LEIGH (off Cripplegate Lane)

Abbots Leigh was a colonial-style house built between 1901 and 1911. At one time it was a nursing home. During World War II a searchlight was positioned on the property, the generator for which stood along what is now Stakers Lane, with the cable going under the railway. The house was demolished in the 1960s when the land was sold for the housing development which retains its name.