

BLACKBURN COOL STORES

The Cool Stores were established during the 1914-1918 war to be used for the storage of meat and fruit.

They originally owned a strip of land alongside the railway reserve with access to Railway Road. They owned from Blackburn Road to Cottage Street and over a period of years sold most of it to the Blue Moon Fruit Co-Op as they expanded.

In common with the Blue Moon they had a spur line alongside the back loading platform and the rail trucks used to be shunted along them. The cool room doors facing the loading platform had a small door in them so that rollers could be put run through them with the refrigerated trucks and the fruit placed on the rollers in the cool chamber and unloaded direct into the rail truck.