

Brick Making - the final chapter

The brick making business is heavily impacted by the economies achieved by increasing production volumes:

- Digging out and transporting the clay
- Transporting the fuel
- Using fuel efficiently
- Transporting the bricks

The impact of these economies have gradually forced local brickmakers to close:

Brickworks	Date of closure
Bath Road, Emsworth	Early 20 th century
Rowlands Castle	1968
Pycroft's Hayling Island	1992



Sample House, Rowlands Castle, emerging from the undergrowth

Courtesy Bursledon Brickworks Museum Trust



Detail of Emsworth Museum North Street windows

But the advantage of smaller brickworks like Rowlands Castle is that they could make a wide range of specially shaped bricks. The sample house pictured here was built to demonstrate the range manufactured.

The bricks surrounding the windows of the Sample House are identical to those surrounding the Museum windows facing North Street.