

Blithfield Reservoir, Abbotts Bromley



Parliamentary approval to proceed with the construction of Blithfield Reservoir was obtained prior to the Second World War however hostilities limited progress until 1947 when the main contract was let. The reservoir was officially opened by the Queen Mother in 1953 and was capable of storing 4,000 million gallons of water. The left hand photograph dates from 1950 and shows the dam under construction. Both photographs were taken from approximately the same direction and under careful examination some matching landscape features, such as hedgerows, can be identified.