

SOUTH WIGSTON

This part of the Borough is almost unique in the Midlands as it was built over a seven year period by one developer, Orson Wright another plaque subject, mainly to meet the housing needs of men employed at the nearby railway locomotive depot and wagon repair works.

The staple industries of hosiery and boot and shoes soon became established alongside those of biscuit and pie making; percussion instruments and electric vehicle manufacturing. But here again a decline has led to a need for regeneration and this is being led by the new Tesco store which opened in 2005.

There are many places of worship including St. Thomas's built in 1893; Methodist, Baptist, United Reformed and a Catholic church. The population of South Wigston at the 2001 census was nearly 7,500.