

Hignett, Cecil Horace 1879 - 1960

Cecil Horace Hignett was born in Ringway, Cheshire, England on 1 March 1879 and was articled to Edgar Wood (1860-1935) in Manchester from 1896 to 1900. He then worked as an assistant to Thomas William Hudson (1865-?), before joining [Barry Parker](#) (1867-1947) and [Raymond Unwin](#) (1863-1940) of [Parker & Unwin](#) as their assistant at Letchworth in 1901. He remained with them until 1910 when he commenced independent practice in Letchworth.

Hignett was elected a Licentiate of the Royal Institute of British Architects (LRIBA) in 1910 and a Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects (FRIBA) in 1921.

His address was given as Croft Lane Letchworth, Hertfordshire and The Apiary, Norton, Letchworth, Hertfordshire in 1910; Station Place, Letchworth, Hertfordshire in 1914; and The Three Gables 12 Croft Lane, Norton, Letchworth, Hertfordshire from 1914 to 1960. Hignett died in Hitchin, Hertfordshire on 14 May 1960

A biographical file on Cecil Horace Hignett is available on request at the Enquiry Desk, Royal Institute of British Architects Library, London

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Works

Factories at Letchworth for the Spirella Corset Co., the British Tabulating Machine Co., Ltd., and the Marmet Baby Carriage Syndicate, Ltd.; show-rooms for Spirella Corset Co on three floors of the Paris House, Oxford Circus, London; 54 Houses for the Letchworth Urban District Council (as of 1923); workmen's houses at Budleigh Salterton, Devon, Stroud, near Petersfield, Hindhead, Surrey, Ruislip, Middlesex, Datchet, Buckinghamshire, and at Long Sutton, Lincolnshire, and elsewhere; and alteration and enlargement of "Grovehill" Suckley, Worcester [Source: Who's Who in Architecture 1914 and 1923].

He also designed numerous private houses in Letchworth Garden City

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Links

- Architects of Greater Manchester 1800-1940
<https://manchestervictorianarchitects.org.uk/index.php/architects/cecil-hignett>
- Historic England - The Spirella Building, Bridge Road, Letchworth Garden City
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- ART UK <https://www.artuk.org/discover/artworks/cecil-hignett-18791960-architect-of-the-spirella-building-lethworth-19121922-248778>