

Hamble House

Hamble House was built in 1740, by Moody Janverin a local merchant shipbuilder. Soon after he moved in, he was also awarded contracts to build ships for the navy. He used sites at Hamble, Bursledon and Cowes to build his naval vessels and when these were occupied he even used Lepe beach. This shows the temporary nature of the shipyards of those days.

A V Roe, the first person to fly over British soil in an all-British designed aeroplane, also lived in Hamble House in the early part of this century. In the First World War he built an aircraft factory at Hamble and most of his facilities were to be taken over by Air Service Training (AST) in 1931. Hamble House was eventually used to accommodate some of AST's visiting students and was demolished in 1960 when the College of Air Training took over as owners of the airfield.

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Location map of Hamble House in early 1900s