

MILLS & WEAVING

1960s - 1970s

ABOUT THE FILM

Bradford's textile industry was once the beating heart of the city, transforming it from a small market town into an industrial powerhouse during the 19th century. Known as the "wool capital of the world," Bradford specialised in worsted manufacturing, but velvet and silk were also produced. In this film, we take a look behind the scenes at some of the mills in the district.



WHAT COULD YOU TALK ABOUT?

How many of the district's former mills can you name? What are the buildings used for now?

Other than the mills, what were the other big employers in the area? Did you work for any of them - what was your job?



Did anyone work in a mill? What different jobs were available and what was a typical working day like?



What were the main machines that were used in textile mills and how did they work?



Who liked to knit their own clothes? What did you make, and did you use a pattern, or did you come up with designs yourself? If you used patterns, where did you get them from?