

The Hutchison House

The HCAAS ran Hutchison House from 1920 until the late 1940s - Hutchison House, Browning Road, Leytonstone.

Hutchison House was apparently taken over by the Local Authority in the late 1940s. Hutchison House appears to have been a home for children who had not been placed for adoption as babies.

Contemporary images (available for the Vestry House Museum, Waltham Forest and Getty Images) show groups of identically dressed toddlers out for walks with nursing staff, and also in large charabanc style prams and carts around the streets of Walthamstow.



Painted signs on the prams and carts advertised that the children were from Hutchison House.

All the toddlers wore identical baby clothes, looking like little Pixies. Luckily, some adoptive parents wanted "olded" children and so some of the children at Hutchison House were placed for adoption.

Others migrated to other children's homes at a later age, or were fostered, or were sent to Canada and Australia to working farm communities.

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