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THE FALL OF W. AS A LOCOMOTIVE CENTRE

- The decision is taken to centre all locomotive work at Crewe
- 1864-1877      Gradually as the work goes to Crewe the Wolverton men move to Crewe.
- 165 July      By this date the Saltley plant for producing carriages must be totally transferred to W. Men, machines etc.
- The Saltley men consequently cannot find accommodation in W.
- They move into the surrounding villages, market towns and even Northampton
- 1864            An agreement with the Radcliffe Trustees is rapidly made. But there is several years delay in conveying the land. So many of the new arrivals lose the opportunity of settling in W. And later do not wish to move.