

The Anchorage and Birchington's Fire Brigade

Captain Ashton ran Birchington's Fire Brigade for a while at the turn of the 19th and 20th centuries. Its headquarters were at "The Anchorage in Alpha Road (now the site of "Geoffrey Court"). He was also the head of Westgate's Fire Brigade at the same time.

In checking Kelly's Directories, it has been discovered that he did not reside at The Anchorage during this period, so it would appear that the various residents allowed the use of the 'garage' just for storing the engine. There is one photo showing the men assembled outside the property, so the men must have also met there and possibly done their various drills in the extensive grounds.