

## Aston Haberdashery Store



(Photo: Chris Wells)



For many years Selma and Muriel Aston ran a haberdashery shop in Willaston, using the premises where Peppers Coffee shop is now. They gave up the shop when Selma reached the age of 80, in 1993.

Photos: Jean Griffiths





*Ruth Hampshire remembers:*

Aston's was certainly an Aladdin's cave. I remember the glass and polished wood counters with the drawers in them. The shelving went up to the ceiling so they used ladders to reach items from way up high. The Miss Aston's lived above the shop. Mum used to buy wool from Aston's – she would order the wool and they would keep it for her until she needed it. They would scurry off into the back room for orders or something new that they thought would be of interest.