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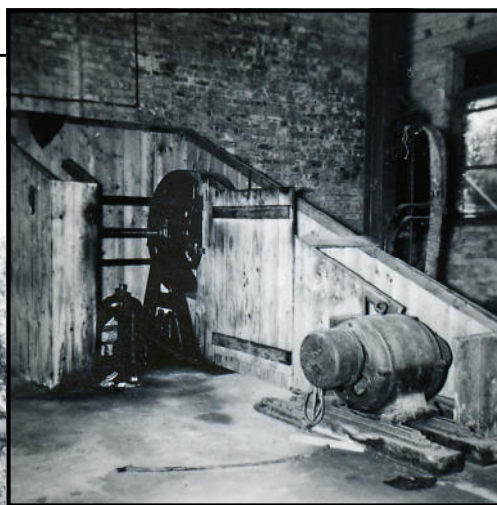
## Water Supply in Brundall 1946

The majority of water supplied in the village of Brundall comes from pumps and wells in the gardens. These wells are artesian in type and are struck by the council. When people came to live in Brundall, who built their own houses, they found that they had to strike their own wells and lay on their own water. They realised what an expensive job this would prove. In 1927 (approx.) they formed a company and decided to build a waterworks of their own.

The site they chose was just off West End Avenue [*in Laurel Drive*].

A tower was constructed (to give pressure to the water) built of stone; much the same as used for the surrounding houses. It was approximately 40-60 feet high and had a tiled roof and an iron ladder leading up the side. The ‘keeper’ lives in a small cottage beside the water works...The company eventually decided their water could only be provided from this tower for those who lived in West End Avenue and along the Postwick Road as far as the cross-roads [*with Cucumber Lane and The Street*]. The farm opposite the opening of West End Avenue is not provided, which might have proved a serious disadvantage if the parish council had not intervened and provided the farm with a well.

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a school project written by Wanda Love aged 15 in 1946.



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By the late 1950s to early 1960s, the water tower on Laurel Drive ceased to function when new housing estates developed in Brundall and the council laid water mains for them.

It was purchased from the owners of Brundall Gardens as a project for a family home by Mike and Gill Humphrey-Smith and their daughter Sarah.

They converted the tower into living accommodation, installing stairs, and drilling windows out of the concrete tank on the top floor to enjoy the views.

Since 1994 it has been sold on to other people who still enjoy it as a family home and continue to make improvements.

