



## Our Story

Taylors Confectioners started in 1938 when Robert Taylor began baking pies and confectionery in the back kitchen of his Railway Road home where he lived with his wife Constance. Robert had worked briefly at Millington's Bakers before starting out himself.

Robert and his brother Ernest went into partnership and shortly afterwards both brothers joined the Forces during the Second World War, leaving their parents Mary and Edward to run the business.

On their return from war, Ernest purchased a second shop at Victoria Street, where he and his wife Annie lived, and business began to flourish at both outlets.

Due to ever-growing demand, production was briefly moved to premises at John Street, but the Taylors soon found that this bakery was simply too small and purchased a site at Hill Street, off Twist Lane, where they built a new bakery and where today's wholesale operation is still based.

Robert junior, nicknamed Robin to avoid confusion with his father Robert, joined the business in 1969 and learned the trade from his father Robert and Uncle Ernest. Then, when Ernest left in 1977, Robert junior became co-director with his father.

On the death of his father in 1984, Robert junior took over the business. In 1987, with the growth of more bakeries and fast food outlets in the town, he took the decision to close Taylors' retail shops and concentrate on production on a wholesale basis.

Ian, one of Robert's younger sons, joined the bakery in 1993 and worked together with his father producing bread and pies.

Today, Taylors remains a family business with Robert's eldest son Adam and daughter Gill working alongside him. The company stopped producing bread in 2019 and now solely bakes pies, both savoury and sweet, using traditional methods and recipes handed down from the early days.