

# Hainsworth buys rival cloth producer

## Men Of The Cloth

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Cue sport cloth specialist A W Hainsworth & Sons has hit the acquisition trail with the high-profile buyout of Joshua Briggs & Sons Ltd for an undisclosed sum. The deal gives Hainsworth the name and assets of Bradford-based Briggs, a textile firm that dates back to 1887 and the very origins of mass produced woollen goods.

A spokesperson on behalf of the buyer told Coinslot: "This acquisition is part of Hainsworth's strategic plan to acquire companies that are involved in specialist textiles markets."

For Bradford, the sale marks the end of an era as the manufacturing unit will be moved to the Hainsworth site in Pudsey over the next few months. But the Joshua Briggs name is destined to live on as a trading division of A W Hainsworth & Sons Ltd.