



Crown

Northampton

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The Woodford family have been making quality boots and shoes by hand since 1908. Originally established by Earnest Woodford in London, the business later moved to the home of footwear; Northampton, England. Now under fifth generation Woodford family ownership and as a proud Northampton company, we understand the rich and important shoemaking heritage of our town.

This passion for tradition and excellence has been funnelled into the family's flagship brand - Crown Northampton.

Using only the finest materials sourced from local leather merchants, we design, develop, and hand make our shoes to the high standards set by both the town's forefathers and the Woodford family. Utilising knowledge and skills passed down from generation to generation, all collections showcase traditional English handmade craftsmanship.

With timeless, enduring style at the forefront, it's our belief that the best things from our past should help us step into the future.

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All look book photography was taken entirely in the upper archive floors and outside spaces of the National Leather Collection. Home to a truly inspiring selection of leather objects, artefacts and literature of local and worldwide importance; the collection was first established in 1946 and is now located in the heart of the UK's leather and footwear industry, Northampton.

Crown Northampton would like to extend special thanks to the NLC for granting access - [nationalleathercollection.org](http://nationalleathercollection.org)



## JAZZ

With a focus on clean lines, first grade soft leathers and flexibility, the Jazz Collection features elegant and understated styles. Inspired by the comfort and simplicity of light-weight dance shoes, a precise fit allows them to mould and flex with the foot. All Jazz styles are handmade in our Crown Northampton factory with the versatility to suit several occasions day and night.





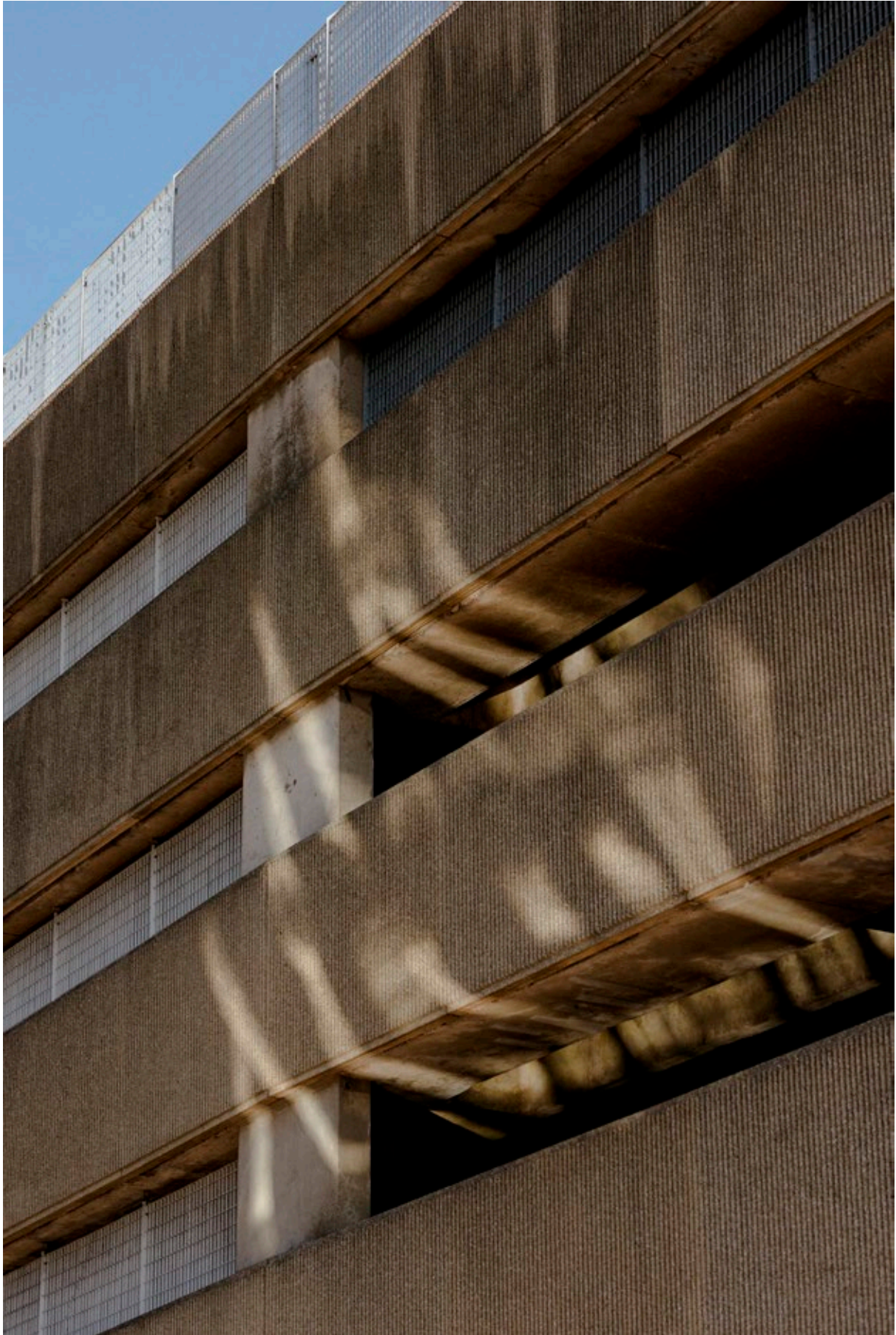
































































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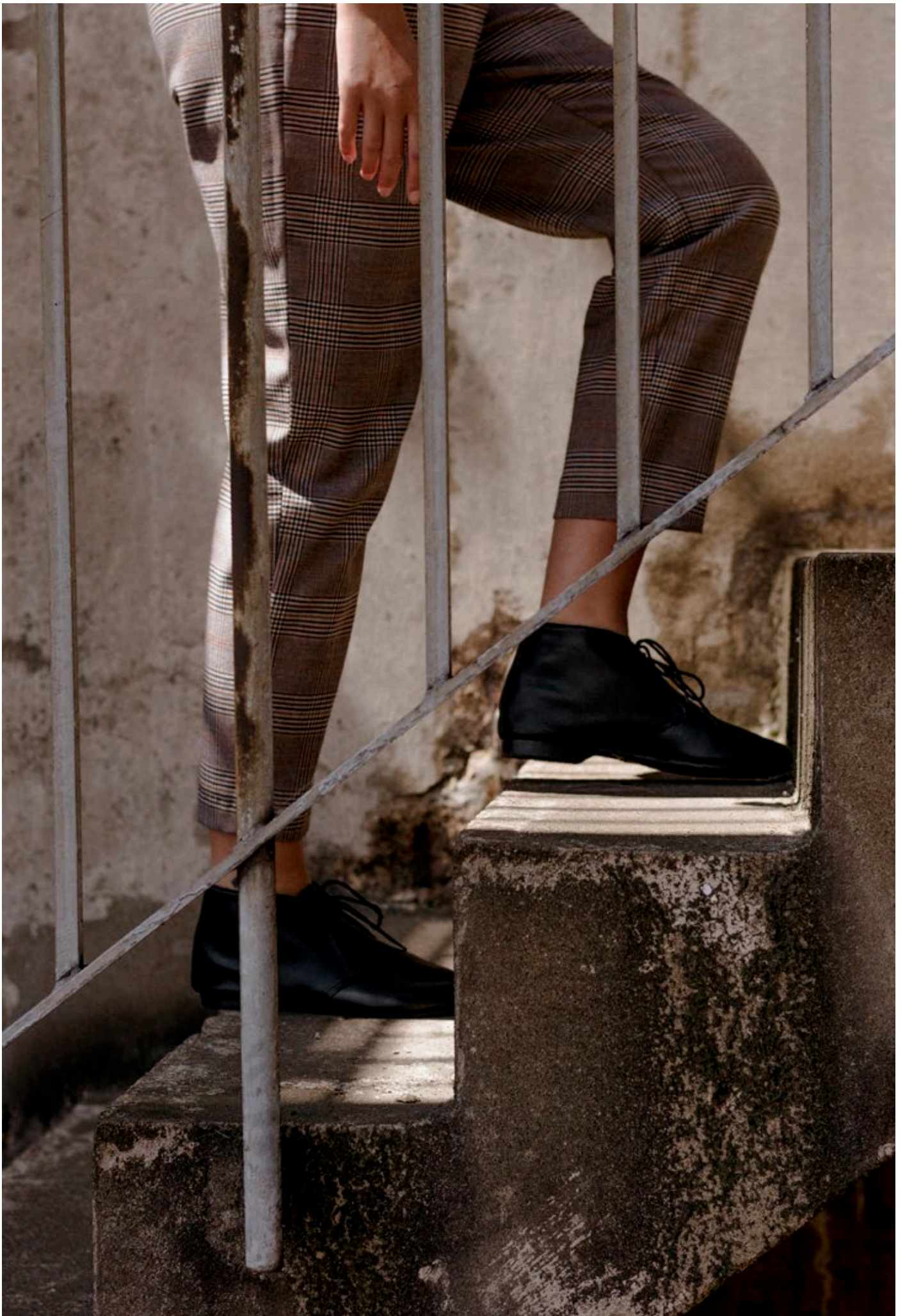


















## MADE IN ENGLAND, FROM START TO FINISH

Crown Northampton is one of only a privileged few given permission to use the town's crest on our products, with a motto that dates back to 1617 and translates to "Peace is stronger than a fortress". This positive message confirms our commitment and promise to make every boot, shoe and sneaker in our Northampton factory by highly skilled cobblers; many of whom are following in the footsteps of their ancestors as they continue their unique craft in the local footwear industry.



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## SNEAKER

Designed to combine minimalist lines and luxury with the high end structure and quality Northampton is renowned for. The Sneaker Collection is handmade with first-grade leather uppers sourced from the finest tannery's around the world. Fully leather lined, we use a high rand thermoplastic rubber sole with laser etched branding to the underside and a design exclusive to Crown. Sidewall stitching secures the sole unit which allows the sneakers to be resoled by us at a later date to increase longevity. All Crown sneakers are handcrafted in our Northampton factory using traditional shoe making methods. Signed off with handwritten internal style details.















































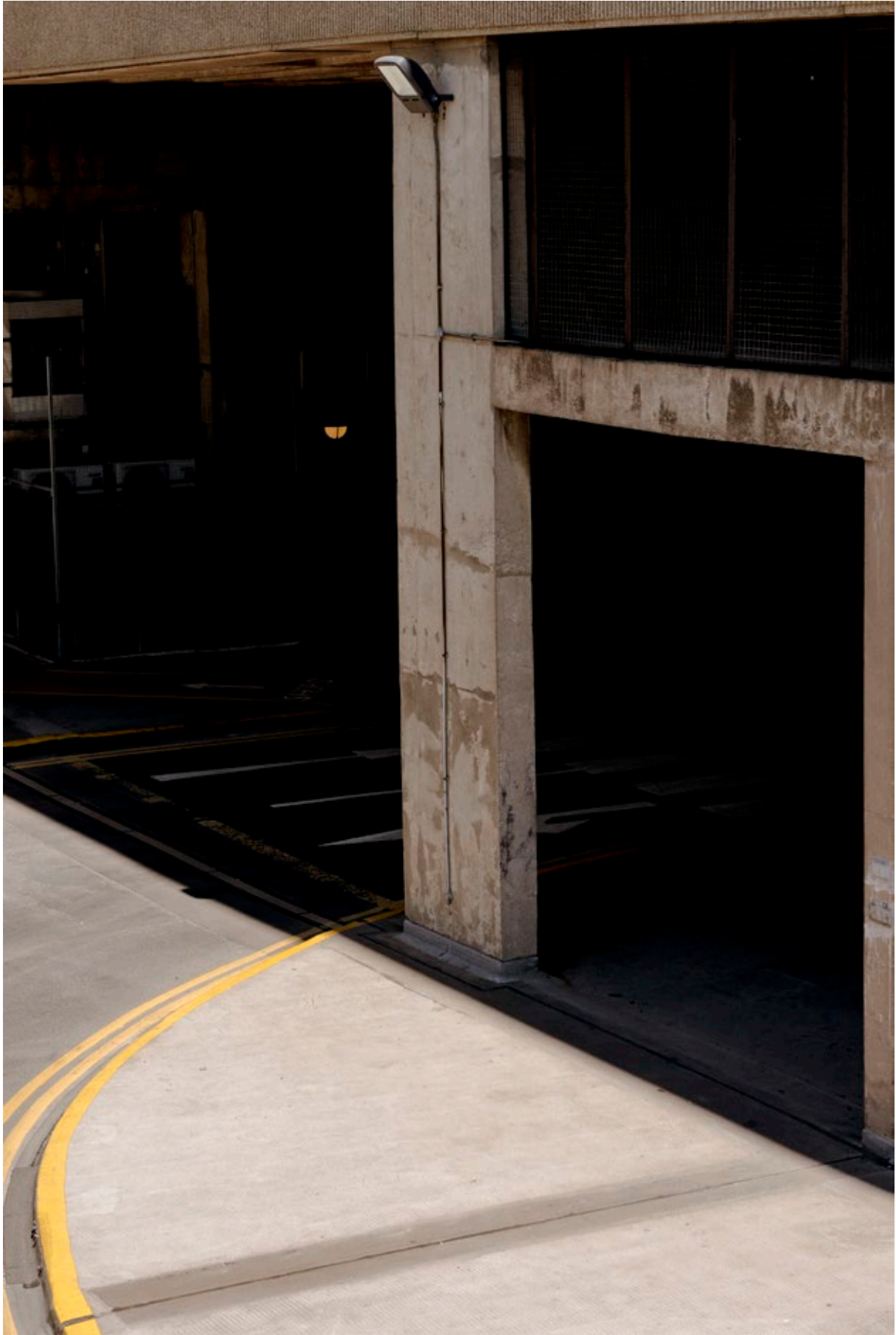


















## CREPE SOLE

The Crepe Sole Collection focuses on classic silhouettes such as Desert Boots and Desert Shoes. Each pair goes under goes several skilled and complex stages during the production process which includes stitchdown welting from a traditional Number 10 sole stitcher. Expertly made with the finest suedes and leathers from around the world, they boast lightweight yet hardwearing crepe soles that are highly durable and offer supreme comfort. All styles are handmade in England from start to finish.























## MATERIALS

All Crown Northampton footwear is made using the finest raw materials, sourced from local leather merchants. We utilise the very best French and Italian calf skins alongside those from world famous tannery C.F. Stead in Leeds.

For the 2018 / 19 collection, we present a capsule collection using Chromexcel leather from prestigious Horween Leather Company, the oldest operating tannery in the United States.

Special editions of new and existing styles are remade in limited production runs using Natural, Brown and classic Horween No.8 leathers.







## SLIPPER

The Slipper collection features elegant slip on styles finished with velvet and suede uppers. Precise detailing and construction throughout, Crown slippers are made on tapered lasts, using traditional methods to achieve quarter part heel finishing and neatly bound edges. Internally there are memory foam footbeds and soft quilted linings or unlined moss backed premium leathers to allow wear with or without socks. With attention to detail paramount, the Crown Slipper Collection uses leather soles complete with anti slip undersides.













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