

Knowsley Archives Service

History Detectives

Knowsley Archives Service aims to support learning by offering interactive, archive based sessions led by members of the Archive Team, which look at themes which speak to the development of our communities through time. We encourage pupils to participate in the sessions as 'History Detectives', exploring the information and resources available in the Archive, and to continue their research back in school using the Archives' online resources.

These aims will be achieved through the delivery of an interactive session, combining an illustrated presentation with pupil exploration of materials, resources and archive materials.

A typical session will include:

- A presentation on a local history theme, e.g. your township
- Activities to include a combination from:
 - Word searches
 - Quizzes
 - Exploring 20th century household items
 - Experimenting with traditional toys
 - The Smelly Game
 - Discovering more about your locality through photographs and maps
 - Spot the Difference: plotting changes in the built environment
 - Guided access to archive materials

Sessions and topics available include:

- The origins and history of your township / community
- The history of Knowsley Borough
- The history and impact of the railways in Knowsley
- World War II in Huyton
- World War II in Kirkby
- Agriculture and Industry
- Society, Shopping and Leisure
- How we used to play

We can also tailor a session to suit your requirements.

By the end of a typical Townships session, the pupils will have gained knowledge and an understanding of:

- the origins of their township
- its context within the area
- the importance of its agricultural and/or industrial heritage;
- the impact of developing transport links on the supply of goods and social mobility;
- key historic events;
- 20th century developments;
- current developments and a view to the future

A typical session lasts up to 2 hours and a risk assessment is available. Due to space restrictions, we can accommodate a single class at any one time.

To discuss your requirements or to book a session, please contact:

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