

History: Local History Study - Handsworth Road

Year 4 Spring 1



Key Vocabulary

Significance	The quality of being worthy of attention; importance.
St Mary's Church	Ancient Norman church still in use on Handsworth Road.
Rectory	Where the rector of the church lives.
Parish	A small administrative district typically having its own church and a priest or pastor.
Listed	Being specially noted for historical significance.
Nursery	A place where young plants and trees are grown for sale or for planting elsewhere.
Trade directory	A book listing individuals or organisations alphabetically or thematically with details such as names, addresses, and phone numbers.
Occupation	A job or profession.
Residents	A person who lives somewhere permanently or on a long-term basis.
Consecrated	(Of a church or land) having been made or declared sacred.

Website Links

<https://stmaryshandsworth.org.uk/>

<https://historicengland.org.uk/sitesearch?searchType=site&search=handsworth+sheffield>

Enquiry Questions

Where is our place in the history of the local area?
 What are the key features of Handsworth Road and how has it changed over time?
 Who has lived and worked on Handsworth Road?
 What parts of Sheffield's history can we see on Handsworth Road?
 How significant is St Mary's church to Handsworth Road? Has this changed over time?
 What has changed in the history of Handsworth Road and why?

Key Facts

- Handsworth is mentioned in the Domesday Book 1086.
- St Mary's church dates back to 1170 and is said to be founded by William De Lovetot or his father, Richard De Lovetot.
- The estate of Handsworth was passed to the De Lovetot's by the half brother of William the Conqueror.
- William de Lovetot was a Norman baron who is said to be the founder of the city of Sheffield.
- Handsworth was its own village until the 1921 when it became part of Sheffield.
- The Chantry Inn (formerly Cross Keys) is one of the only pubs on consecrated ground.
- There are seven listed buildings adjacent to Handsworth Road.
- Handsworth Road used to be home to huge plant nurseries and many local people were employed as 'nurserymen'.

Historical Skills

Use timelines accurately to plot recent history and periods of time and explain their reasons for positions on the timeline. Begin to build up a picture of what main events happened in Britain/the world during different centuries. Make valid statements about the main similarities and differences and changes occurring within topics. Comment on a range of possible reasons for differences in a number of accounts. Select what is most significant in a historical account. Understand what is meant by the word 'peasant'. Communicate knowledge and understanding orally and in writing and offer points of view based upon what they have found out using some evidence.

Historical Concepts

Significance- Who is Handsworth Road significant to? Why? Children will develop their own understanding of the importance of the history of Handsworth Road to Handsworth and Sheffield.

Change and Continuity- What evidence of the past can we see on Handsworth Road? How important is this today? Children will build their understanding of how things remain and develop over time.

Why don't you...

1. Conduct an interview with a trusted adult who has lived in Handsworth for a long time?
2. Find evidence of older buildings on Handsworth Road with a parent/carer?
3. Find the oldest grave in the cemetery at St Mary's Church?