

Ellie's Local Social Studies / History Trail

Learning objective: To develop an understanding of the past by identifying how our local area has changed over time.

Ellie the Elephant has a wonderful memory! She has found some old photographs of our town. Look at the pairs of pictures below. For each pair, circle the one that looks like it is from the past and draw a line to match it to the modern version. Then, answer the questions to help Ellie tell the story of our town.

Word bank: Past · Present · Change · Building · Street · Old

1. Look at the picture of the old shop. Does it use the same money (£) as we do today? Why might things cost different amounts now? (2 marks)

2. Find the picture of the horse and cart. What do we use to travel on that same street today? (2 marks)

3. Ellie sees a building that is very old. Should we look after old buildings or knock them down? Why? (2 marks)

4. Can you name one thing in our town that has stayed exactly the same since your grandparents were young? (2 marks)

5. If you were to build something new in our town today, what would you build to help people in the future? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of your favourite place in our town as it looks today. Next to it, draw how you imagine that same place might have looked one hundred years ago.

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for a drawing. It occupies the upper half of the page below the instructions.

Extension challenge: Go on a 'Social Studies / History Walk' with an adult. Take a notepad and draw three things that look old (like stone walls or old letterboxes) and three things that look brand new.