

Exploring Our Local Area with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To understand that our local area has a history and to identify features that have changed or stayed the same over time.

Look at your local surroundings and talk to an adult about how things used to be. Answer the questions below to show what you have discovered!

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

1. Ellie the Elephant found an old photograph of our street. What is one thing you can see in the photo that is still there today? (2 marks)

2. Think about our local shops. If you had £1 to spend in an old-fashioned store, what do you think you might buy? (1 mark)

3. Draw a circle around the word that describes how our town looks today compared to a long time ago: (Same / Different) (1 mark)

4. Ask an adult: Is there a building in our town that is very, very old? What is it used for now? (2 marks)

5. If you could build something brand new in our local area to help people, what would it be? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of your favorite place in your local area. Next to it, draw how you think that place might have looked a long time ago when your grandparents were little.

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for a student to draw a picture of their favorite place and its historical appearance.

Extension challenge: Go on a 'History Walk' with an adult. Count how many houses have chimneys, how many have modern front doors, and how many have old stone walls. Share what you found with the class!