My Local History Detective Report

Learning objective: To investigate and record significant historical changes within the local area.

Join Ellie the elephant on a history hunt! Use this template to record facts about your local area. You can find information by interviewing a family member, looking at old photographs, or visiting your local library. Fill in each box with your findings to create a historical record of your town or village.

Word bank: settlement · landmark · tradition · architecture · industry · transport · community · past · present · change

1. My Local Landmark: Name a building or monument in your area. How long has it been there and why is it important to the local community? (2 marks)

2. Changing Times: Describe one way your area has changed over the last 50 years. For example, has the transport changed or have the types of shops on the high street changed? (2 marks)

3. Past Industry: What kind of work did people in your town or village do in the past? Did they work in farming, factories, or something else? (2 marks)

4. Historical Clues: If you were an archaeologist, what item from today would you leave for people in the future to find? Explain your choice. (3 marks)

5. Community Connection: What is a local tradition or event that has been celebrated in your area for a long time? (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Create a 'Then and Now' map. Draw a simple sketch of your high street or a local park as it looks today, and add a label describing one feature that you think looked different 100 years ago.