

Your Identity

School session pack

Wigan



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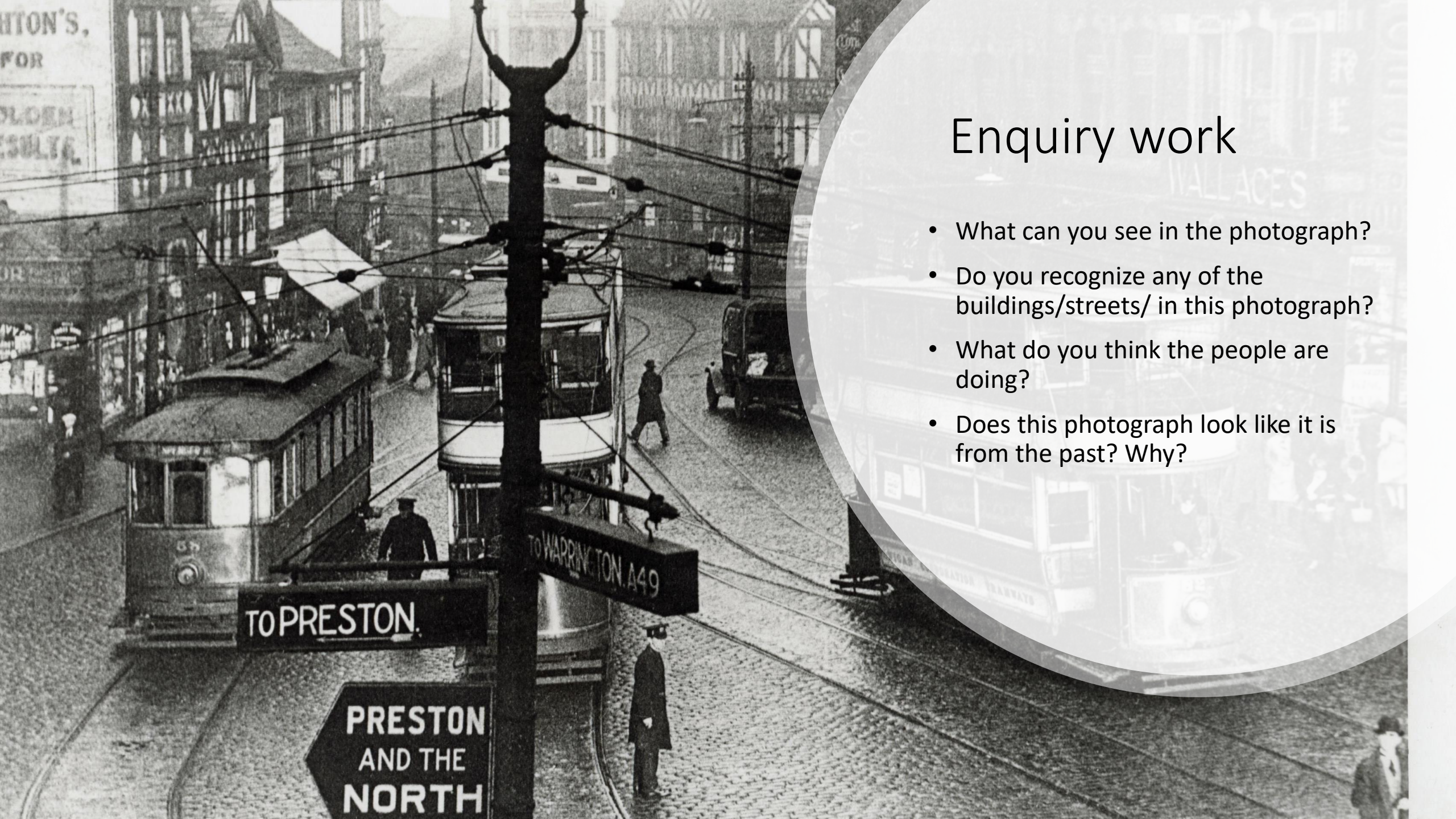


- Wigan and Leigh Archives have produced a series of school session packs themed on the Wigan Borough townships as part of the 'Revealing Wigan Archives' project. This project will create a modern archives, exhibition space and a programme of engagement and outreach activities.
- These packs have been developed to be used either digitally as a PowerPoint presentation or as a printable hard copy. To access other packs or to find out more information please contact the archives by emailing archives@wigan.gov.uk



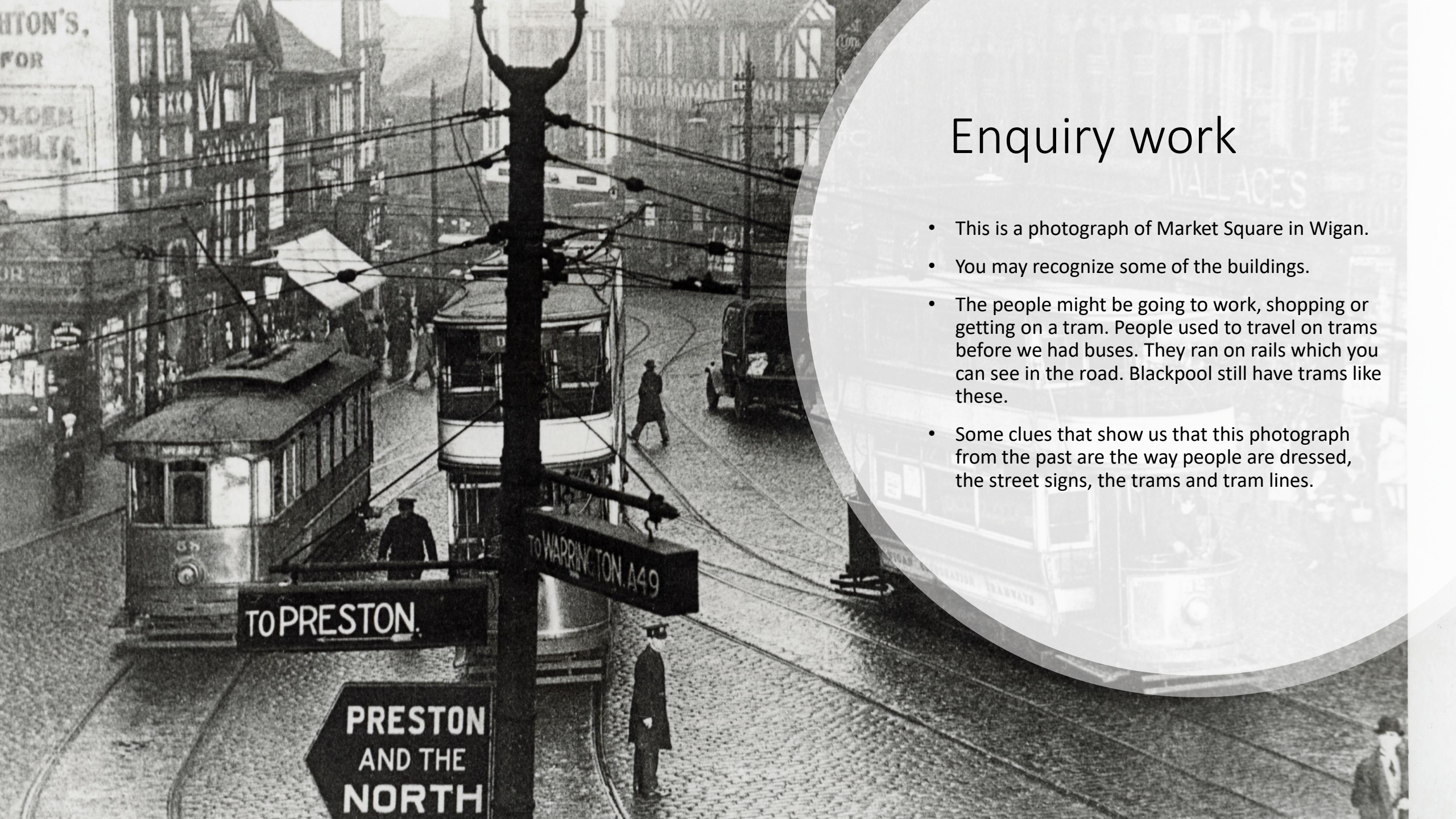
Market Place, Wigan, 1930.





Enquiry work

- What can you see in the photograph?
- Do you recognize any of the buildings/streets/ in this photograph?
- What do you think the people are doing?
- Does this photograph look like it is from the past? Why?



Enquiry work

- This is a photograph of Market Square in Wigan.
- You may recognize some of the buildings.
- The people might be going to work, shopping or getting on a tram. People used to travel on trams before we had buses. They ran on rails which you can see in the road. Blackpool still have trams like these.
- Some clues that show us that this photograph from the past are the way people are dressed, the street signs, the trams and tram lines.

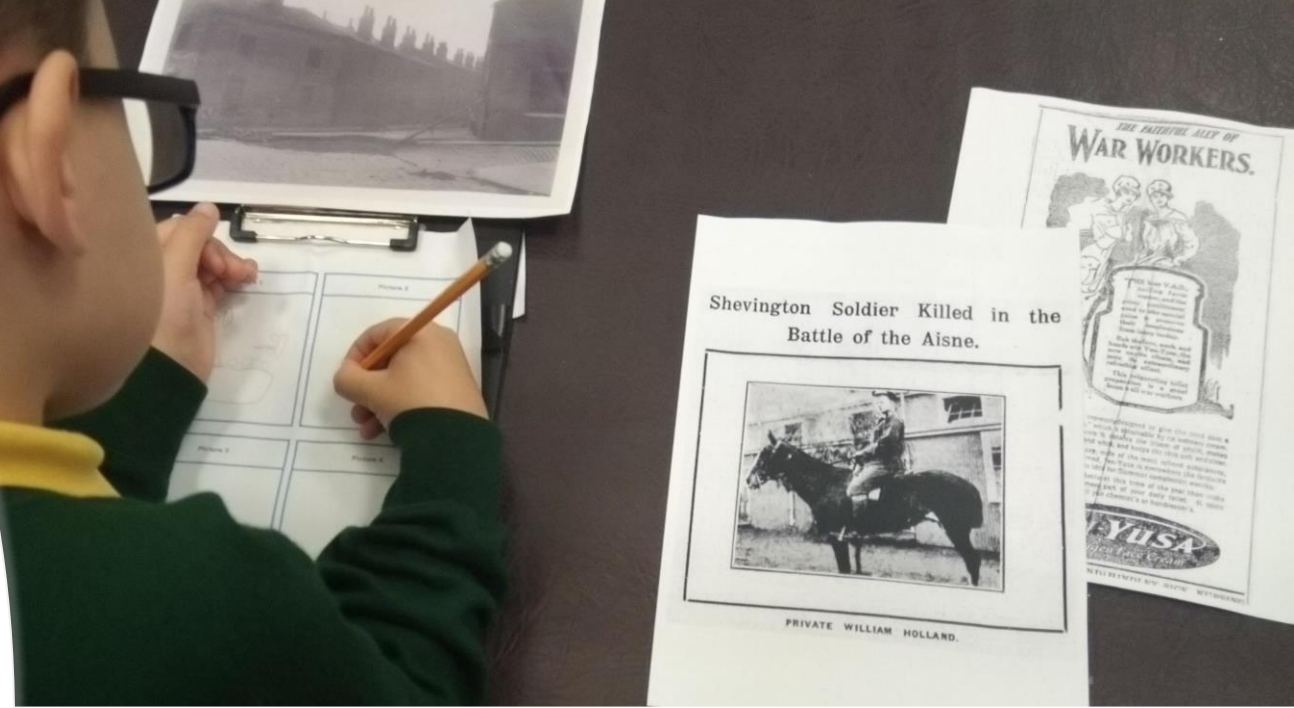
Museum of Wigan Life

- This is the Museum of Wigan Life
- You may have visited the museum to look at objects from Ancient Egypt or Roman Wigan
- Or you may have visited the museum to go into Wigan Local Studies to look at the archives...



Wigan Local Studies

- This is Wigan Local Studies inside the Museum of Wigan Life
- Does anyone recognize it?
- We keep archives here? What are archives?



Archives: Wigan and Leigh

- Archives are documents
- They can be from the past or from the present
- They can be photographs, maps, marriage records, diaries, court records, workhouse records, school records such as your register or perhaps even 'The Naughty Book'...
- The photograph shows records from the Second World War
- We are going to be looking at lots of records today from the town you live in or go to school in

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No. of men allotted - 18.

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FIRE GUARD STAFF OFFICER
210 SEP 1943
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FIRE GUARDS (South Group)

Headquarters:-
38 SOUTH AVENUE,
LEIGH
NOV 8th 1941

T. BAMBAR 159
TOWN CLERK
BOROUGH OF LEIGH
Has sent exemption form in

Dear Sir,
We hereby certify that
G. HARRISON 51 SOUTH AVENUE, LEIGH,
HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE ABOVE
FIRE GUARDS SINCE ITS INCEPTION
IN APRIL 1940 AND IS AT PRESENT
AND IS AT PRESENT

Date 3-12-41
From the Correspondent of the XIIth District School,
Leigh, Lancashire.
To Mr Lyon
Fire Guard Leigh

Dear Mr Lyon
I received your letter today &
I am puzzled because recently
I sent you a full statement of
& accounts taken from our
if it was perhaps confusing
included several
matters.

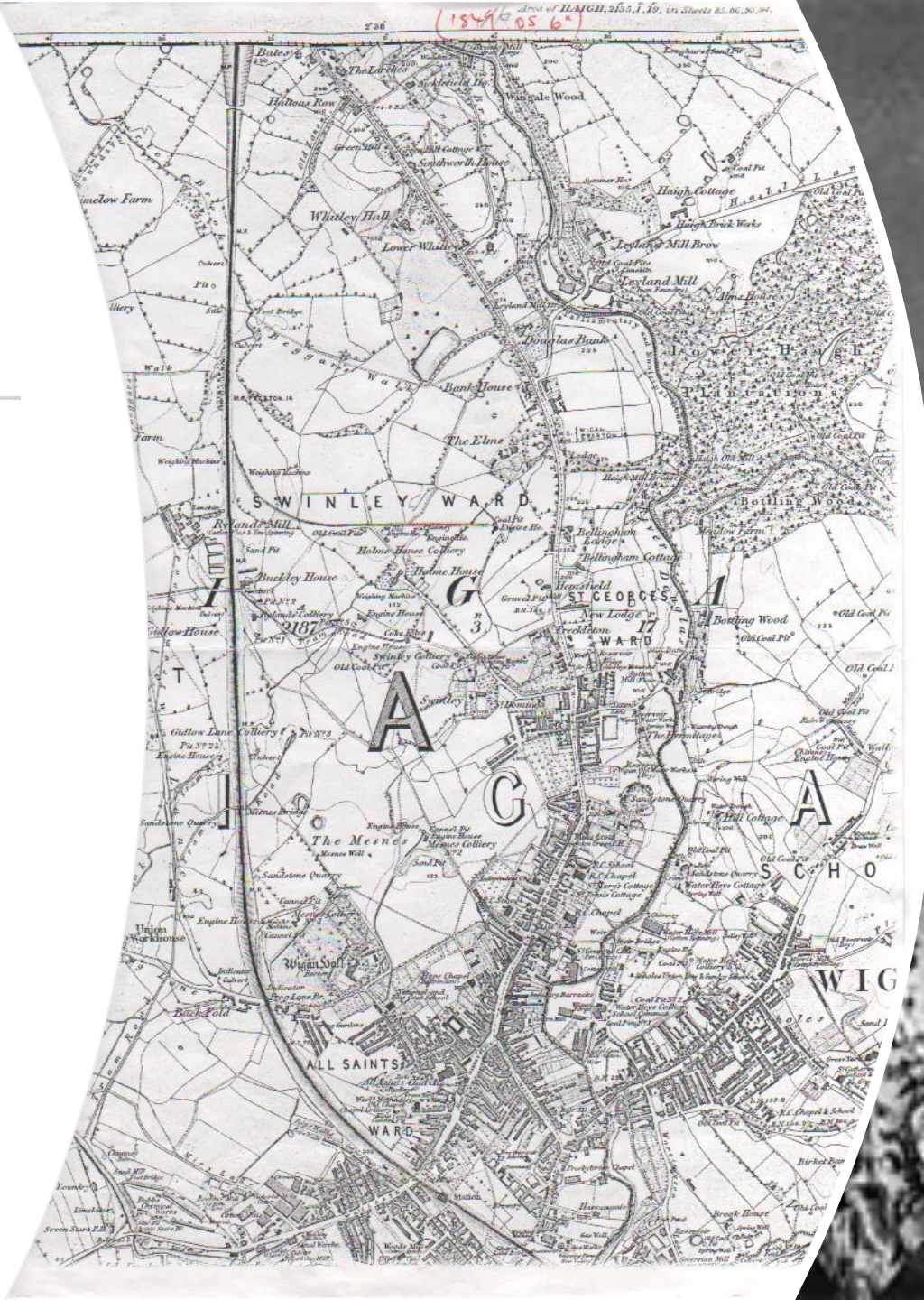


Let's start with a map

- This map is from the 1840s. How long ago is that?
- When was the 1840s? Who was King or Queen?
- Do you recognize any places on the map?
- Are there any places you do not recognize on this map?

Let's start with a map

- This map is around 180 years old
- Queen Victoria was on the throne.
- This time is sometimes called the Victorian age
- We could say that we are looking at a map of Victorian Wigan





The Parish Church from Bishopsgate or Crossford Street

Victorian Wigan

- Places you may recognize are...
- Wigan All Saints also known as Wigan Parish Church



Victorian Wigan

Places you may recognize are...

the Market Place. Doesn't it look different in Victorian times!



Victorian Wigan

- Places you may recognize are...
- Mabs Cross. This is Mabs Cross on Standishgate in the Victorian age.
- Mabs Cross is now kept in front of Mabs Cross school.



Victorian Wigan

- One place you may not recognize is Mesnes Colliery
- What is a colliery?

No. 4 Position of engine man and horses at the time of accident as in photo No. 27

Victorian Wigan

- What is a colliery?
- Have a close look at these photographs and see if you can work out what a colliery is.

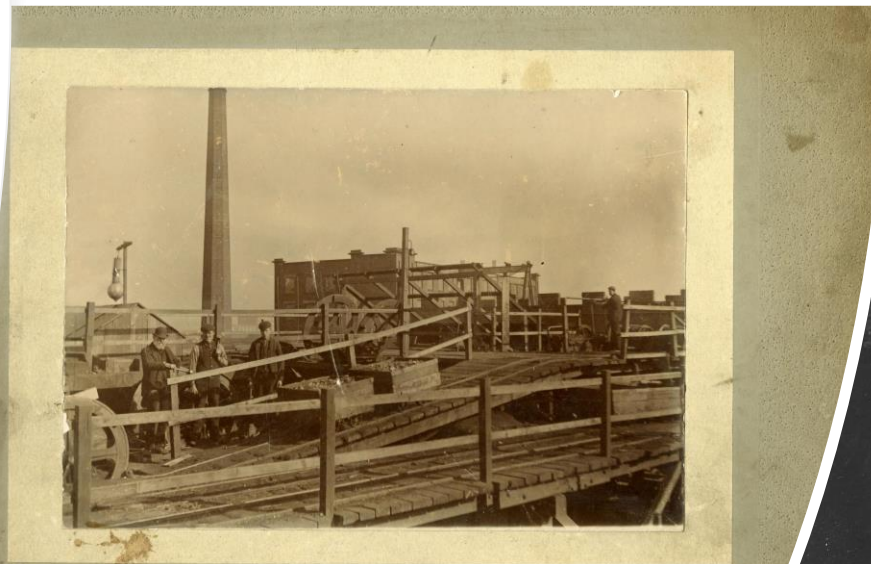


78 Position of engine room and shafts at the Home of accident in photo 77



Victorian Wigan

- A colliery is also known as a coal mine or as a pit. It is place where men go underground to mine for coal. The man in the photograph on the right is called a coal miner. Can you see the pick and shovel he is using to mine the coal underground.
- The photograph on the bottom left is of colliery above the ground
- The women sat in the photograph are called pit brow lasses. They worked above ground sorting out the coal. Women and children used to work underground in the mines. In the 1840s they were banned from doing so.



Wigan Colliery, Wigan, Lancashire, 1850s. Photo by G. P. & Co. Wigan.



Victorian Wigan

- Mesnes Colliery is no longer there.
- What do you think is on the site today?
- Think of the name of the colliery?

No. 4 Position of engine man and boxes at the time of accident as in photo No. 5



Victorian Wigan

- Mesnes Park is on the site today.



Follow up activities

- Do you want to help the archives by recording how your town looks today. You can by doing one or all the following:
- Interview an older member of your family, ask them what life was like when they were your age
- Take photographs of the street you live on
- Take notes on life where you live or keep a diary
- Do a class project to record life at your school



Follow up activities

- When you have finished these tasks donate them to Archives: Wigan & Leigh – archives@wigan.gov.uk
- Make sure you get permission from all participants and your parents/teacher