

Town Centre Worksheet



Begin at Lord Street

This old Pub was called 'The Tiger Inn.' The building is still here (no 35), but the signs of it being a pub are gone. There are still references to its old name though. **Look for a small stained-glass window and if you find it take a photo.**



Walk towards the Town Hall, looking left until you see this mosaic.

The mosaic is in the doorway of 2 shops. When the mosaic was made in about 1904 the shop was very big, and it had both windows either side of the door. It sold men's suits. **What was the name of the shop?**



Now look to the right



This is the Town Hall. **List the different shapes that make up the architecture of the Town Hall.**

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What date was the Town Hall built?

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This is Barnes the Jeweller's. The inside of the shop is almost unchanged for over 100 years! This business was started by the Barnes family in 1908. Look around you at the nearby shops.

Which are the oldest buildings? How do you know?

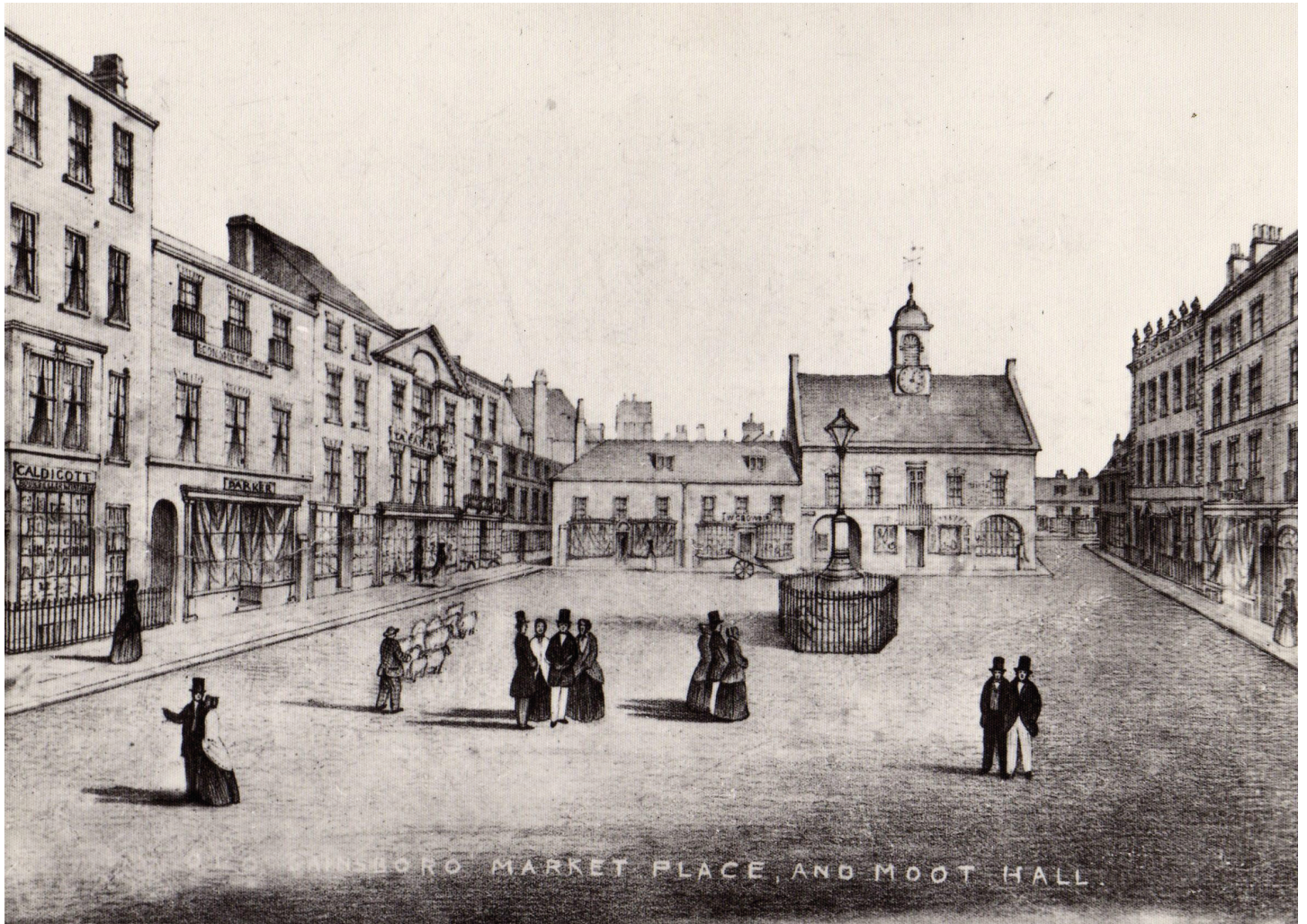
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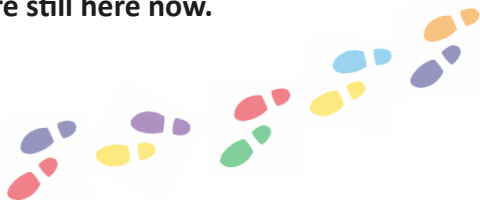


Find Flag Alley and cut through to the Market Place.



This sketch was drawn in the 1820s. It shows the Market Place as it looked then. Look at the old bow-windows in the shops with tiny glass panes. Do you think the items in these bow windows would have been easy to see from outside?

Stand where you think the artist stood for the sketch from 1820 and circle any buildings in the 1820 sketch that you think are still here now.



The Old Moot Hall stood where our Town Hall is now. Here is a photo from the 1880s. It was used as a meeting place, a covered market area and jail cells. It was knocked down to build our current Town Hall a short time after this photo was taken.





To the left is a photo of our Town Hall 100 years ago. This side matched the side on Lord Street. In World War II the Town Hall was badly damaged in an air raid, so it had to be rebuilt on the Market Place side in the 1950s. To the right is how it looks now.



Which design do you like best?

Why?



Look around at the shop fronts. Why do you think the shops have large glass fronts?

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In these pictures below, which windows do you think are older?



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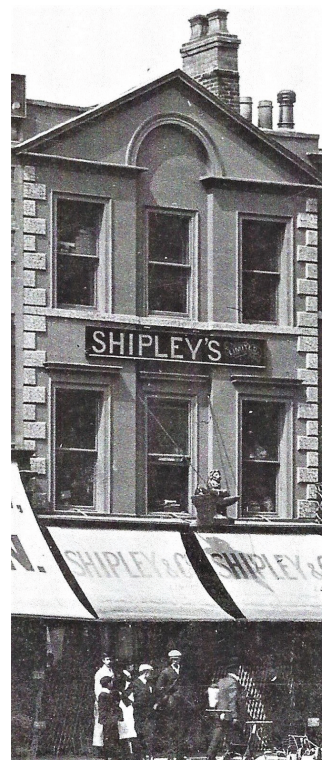


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Can you find this building from the early 1800s? It was an ironmonger for many years, selling all sorts of items made of metal. The signs tell us it was called Shipley's.

What business is using it now?

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It's time to look upwards again. Study the buildings around you and draw the interesting details.

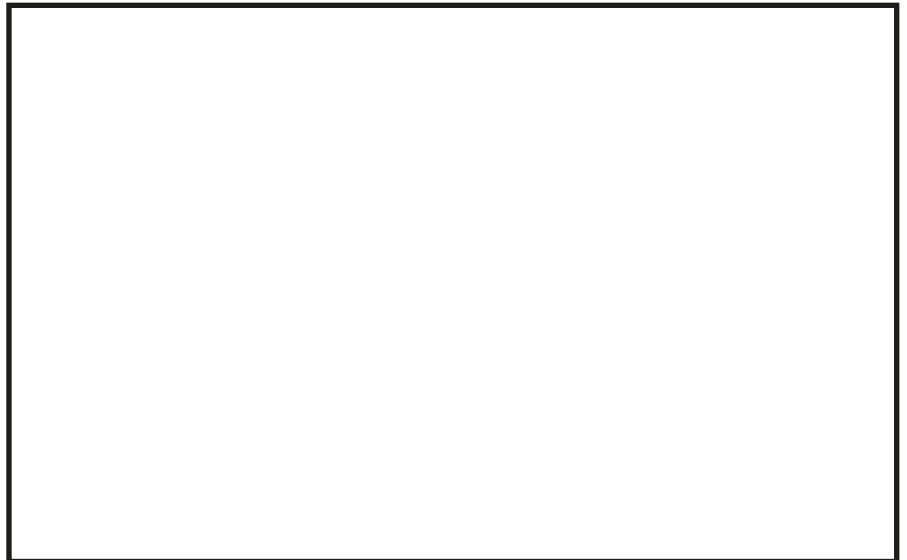


In this box draw an interesting roofline, remember to take a photo too!



Now choose a building that you would like to find out more about, back in the classroom.

Sketch it in this box, taking note of the roofline, the window shapes and any interesting details in the building.



Makes notes on everything you can find out about your building. Look for the business name, street number, any old markings or ghost writing that gives clues about its past.
