

The Museum of Harlow

Harlow New Town

For: KS 2 (Yr 5 / 6)

Time: Approx 2 hours.



This visit can also be adapted
and offered in school.

Using a series of documents, a film, photographs and maps, children are able to find out about the area before the New Town, why the New Town was built and how it developed.

1. Introduction and showing of a film (1958) about the building of New Towns using Harlow as an example. Discussion about what is needed to make a town and an investigation into Sir Fredrick Gibberd's Master Plan.
2. Class is divided into groups to look at a series of documents, photographs and maps.
 - Explore a 1920s map of the area finding the settlements before the New Town.
 - Investigate maps and documents about the building of the town, how it grew and how it was designed.
 - Look at maps and documents about who came to live in Harlow and the facilities available to them in the 1950s.
 - Use the information in the displays to discover factual information about the building of Harlow New Town.
3. Possible extension (1pm - 2pm) - The Education Officer can lead an afternoon walk around Mark Hall North neighbourhood looking at how Gibberd's plan was put into practice.

For more information please contact the Museum of Harlow

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