

VICTORIAN CARRICKFERGUS: TRACING THE PAST

How do we learn about the past? Well, we can read what people at the time wrote. That tells us what they thought and felt. Or we can visit the places they knew. We can also look at the everyday objects they left behind. This can tell us a good deal. We can learn how rich people were, what they did for work and play, and even what they wore and how they ate! That's why we have museums - they collect all these objects and find out about them so everyone else can learn about them too.

But objects don't exist all by themselves. Most objects are used for a particular reason in a particular place. For example, homework diaries and exercise books are objects that remind most people of school. It was the same in the past.

That's your next task! Look carefully at the objects below and read what each one says. That's your clue. Then look at the 'Places' sheet.

Can you work out which object was used in which place?



You would use this on the train.



These sashes were used by members of the Institute of Good Templars. They promised to never drink alcohol.

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Bottles for storing drugs

4



These exercise books were used in Ireland until the 1920s.

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This is a seal stamper used on important documents, for example by the Corporation or Council of Carrickfergus.

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These manacles were used on prisoners.