



Year 3	Topic Title – A study of Old and New Skelmersdale with a particular focus on buildings and landmarks	Key Vocabulary
<p>NC Links: A study over time tracing how several aspects of national history are reflected in the locality (this can go beyond 1066)</p> <p>They should note connections, contrasts and trends over time and develop the appropriate use of historical terms. They should regularly address and sometimes devise historically valid questions about change, cause, similarity and difference, and significance.</p>	<p><u>Discuss the history of Skelmersdale:</u> Understand that Skelmersdale was originally once a village. The old town was surrounded by fields and farmland. The new town was built to give relief and a new life to some of the population of nearby Liverpool. People in post-war Liverpool were living in very cramped conditions and the idea was to use Skelmersdale as an overspill. It was officially designated a new town on 9 October 1961.</p> <p>Its history, though, stretches much further back than five decades and it can, in fact, trace itself back across almost two millennia. Skelmersdale was originally a Roman resting point and is mentioned, about 1,000 years later, in the Domesday Book as a village between Dalton and Up Holland. It was the industrial revolution which spurred it on from village to town and set the foundations for its new town status. Look at maps of Skelmersdale now and in the past using Digimaps.</p> <p>Focus on one or a selection of the following buildings:</p> <p><u>Public houses:</u> <u>The Toby Inn</u> (new Skelmersdale)- The building was Skelmersdale Hall (1712), originally a farm with 19th century outbuildings, and was converted into a pub when the "new town" was constructed. It is a grade two listed building. The pub has been unused for some years (2021) <u>The Railway Tavern</u> (old Skelmersdale)- The building was originally named the Railway Hotel and stood alongside the East Lancashire Railway's branch from Rainford Junction to Ormskirk, which opened as a freight line serving the area's collieries in 1848. In its heyday the hotel would have been a focal building of the small surrounding village, home to its Masonic Lodge and featuring a large bowling green to the rear. The station however was closed in 1956, followed by the line itself in 1963. The pub has been derelict for some years and will be demolished to make way for new housing (2021).</p> <p><u>Churches:</u> <u>St Pauls (Old Skelmersdale)</u> - A chapel was first built in Skelmersdale in 1776 as a chapel of ease to St Peter and St Paul, Ormskirk. It was enlarged in 1823 and again in 1850. In 1856 it became a parish church in its own right, and was dedicated to Saint Paul. Later in the 19th century the chapel was damaged by subsidence due to coal mining. This church could be compared to <u>St. Marys (new Skelmersdale)</u> which was built in 1994 or <u>St. Richards (old Skelmersdale)</u> which opened in 1815.</p> <p><u>Schools:</u> <u>Crow Orchard -</u></p>	<p>Town Village Population Industrial revolution Public house Listed building Junction Tavern Derelict Chapel Church Parish Converted Waste ground Donated</p>



	<p>Crow Orchard is the oldest school in Skelmersdale and is commonly known as the "Endowed School", dates from 1732, when Thomas Ashurst, the Lord of the Manor, donated a building which had been recently erected on waste ground, on the condition that it be converted into "a school for the instruction of youth".</p> <p><u>Barnes Road school (now Park children's centre)</u> - Opened in 1880</p> <p>compare these schools to our school, St. James', which was built in 1972.</p>	
<p>Possible Community Links and resources</p> <p>Ashurst's Beacon, Ashurst Hill, Dalton, Lancashire Educational Images Historic England</p> <p>Ashurst's Beacon Under The Board (wordpress.com)</p> <p>(5) Skelmersdale Heritage Society Facebook</p> <p>Local residents and historians.</p>	<p>Previous Learning Experiences:</p> <p>Year 1 – A study of our school and surrounding areas.</p> <p>Year 2 – A study of old Skelmersdale</p>	<p>Future learning experiences:</p> <p>Year 4 – A study of the Beacon Point, Skelmersdale</p> <p>Year 5 – A study of a local Tudor House in Rufford</p> <p>Year 6 – A study of WW2 life in the local area.</p>