



People and Places: Whellan's Directory of County Durham, 1894

Knowledge, Skills and Understanding

Use the descriptions of places and lists of people in Whellan's County Directory to PHSE

- 1) e. learn about the range of jobs done in the local community in the past and compare these with work today
 - j. learn how economic choices, such as the growth and decline of the coal industry, affect individuals and communities such as High Spen

History

- 4) a. learn how to find out about events people and changes from an appropriate range of sources
- 5) a. learn how to select and organise historical information

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- 1) b. learn how to prepare information for development, including selecting suitable sources...and checking for accuracy (for example...classifying by characteristics and purposes, checking the spelling of names)

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Directories, like Whellan's, are a combination of guide books, history books and lists of local people. When they were new they helped people find out about the area they lived in or where visiting. Today they help us find out about people and places in the past.

Who Did What in High Spen?

Around 1900 High Spen was a bustling village with some thriving local shops and businesses. Look at pages 1290-1292 from Whellan's Directory and try the following activities:

1. 1894 was over a 100 years ago and some of the jobs done by High Spen residents have old-fashioned names. Use a



dictionary to find

out what they did.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Job</i>	<i>Meaning</i>
<i>Richard Armstrong</i>	<i>Backoverman</i>	
<i>William Cheesman</i>	<i>Assistant Overseer</i>	
<i>William Colquhoun</i>	<i>Surgeon....</i>	
<i>Reverend George Death</i>	<i>Curate</i>	
<i>William Stephenson</i>	<i>Draper</i>	
<i>James Turnbull</i>	<i>Gamekeeper</i>	

2. Do you know any people who do jobs similar in any way to these Victorian jobs?
3. Design your own table in Word listing all the pubs and beersellers in High Spen



Running Errands

- Children were often sent on errands to local shops and tradesmen. Imagine your mother wanted you to help her, who would you go to get the items on this list

My errand list	I could buy this at
Buy a cabbage for tea	
Buy a bottle of beer for Dad	
Buy a leg of lamb for Sunday dinner	
Repair a bent garden shovel	
Get a quart (2 pints) of new	



milk for Gran	
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Add your own errands to the list. What would you buy and who would you go to get it?



Quick Pit Quiz

In 1894 Garesfield Colliery was the biggest business in High Spen.

Answer this Quick Pit Quiz by reading Whellan's Directory.

1. Who owned the coal royalties (the rights to take the coal out of the ground)?
2. Who owned the pit?
3. How much coal was mined a year in 1894?
4. Name two seams of coal worked at Garesfield? Where they good to work in?
5. Name three local residents who probably worked at the pit?