



## 1 Village Detectives – The Village

Trail.

**Focus:** To investigate existing buildings in High Spen to provide evidence for age and use

*For Teachers:* It might be useful to provide an information sheet showing building styles popular around 1900. There were often neo-Gothic. However, this style was rapidly giving way to Art Nouveau, characterised by sinewy lettering, often interlinked, and more simple decoration, and latitudinal lines rather than longitudinal ones.

(See Information Sheets on the two styles)

### Main Activities

Using the outline map, walk down the main street of the village. Draw a plan of the houses and buildings that they see along the main street and what they can find out about them.

### Key Questions:

What buildings might have existed in 1914?

Have they changed their use?

Are there any clues as to what they were used for in 1914?

It might be useful to deal with this in two parts:

### Before the school

### After the school

b) Compare their findings with the village trail information on the CD. Children to make notes and add to the field work findings.