

Exploring Where I Live Through Time

Have you ever thought about how your house and your street may have looked 10 years ago or even 50 years ago—what about 100 years ago?? You may know how old your house is, or when approximately it was built. If that was fairly recent, do you know what was there before? Using MARIO maps we may be able to find out!

Please only explore your own house and private land, or local publically accessible space—please don't trespass on private land. This activity does need access to a laptop, computer or tablet and the internet. If you don't have access to one of these devices, but would like to explore the history of your street even more please let us know.



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Researching through time

Head outside your house (be careful on the street or road) and take a look at your house as it is now. Walk down your street—what do the houses look like? Are they quite modern or are they older than 30 years? Are they all the same style of house?

Why not sketch what you can see today — does your street have a lot of houses on it? Or are there other types of buildings as well? After sketching, head inside (yes inside!)

Accompanied by an adult (parent or guardian), on your computer, tablet or laptop research <http://mario.lancashire.gov.uk/agsmario/default.aspx> . MARIO maps is a free source which provides different mapping options for Lancashire.

Using MARIO you can see the maps from different time periods in history:

- OS 1950s Map
- OS First Edition 1:2500 (1890s)
- OS First Edition 1:10000 (1845)
- 1960s Aerial Photos
- 1940s Aerial Photos

Using the current map layer, zoom in to see if you can find your house or your street. Once you have found it—click on the other historic map layers and explore how your local area has changed over time!

Are you surprised? Or does the history look like you expected it to?

Now you can see the different map layers—why not sketch how your street or area looks in the different time periods?

Compare your sketches and send us photos! Please remember to keep any specific location data in your own private evidence.

Once you have researched where you live, take as much time as you like exploring other areas in Lancashire you may know! Exploring our local history is great, and there are a lot of other resources available online that you can use.

