

Experience Victorian ASHBOURNE HISTORY

Answers

Answer 1

Can you see who this was? **Francis Wright**

Answer 2:

What street event that still takes in the Town did he try to stop but failed? **Shrovetide Football Game**

Answer 3:

Looking at the front of the building, can you see the date when it was built? **1861**

Answer 4:

Why would a town like Ashbourne need a public meeting place in Victorian times? **Prior to this hall, public meetings were held in inns, but the growing middle class did not approve of excessive drinking and wanted to provide a meeting place that did not sell alcohol.**

Answer 5:

On market days, what would have been sold in this part of the Market? **Sheep**

Answer 6:

Why do you think the name was changed from Mutton Lane to King Street? **Sheep would no longer be sold there once the livestock market moved to its new location and, although there is no written evidence, it is likely that the residents then wanted a smarter name.**

Answer 7:

Why would there be a large number of these pumps in the Town in the Victorian period? **Because the Town did not have a piped water supply.**

Answer 8:

What did the 1875 Public Health Act require Towns to provide? **All new residential properties to have running water and drainage. (Well done if you added: pavements and street lighting).**

Answer 9:

What was this building used for when it was built? **Gaol (it would also have housed the Town's Policeman).**

Answer 10:

In what decade was a regular paid police force introduced? **1840s**

Answer 11:

When was the Methodist Chapel built? **1880**

Answer 12:

Why would it be built in this style? **It was intended to look very different from the new “gothic” Anglican churches, such as the slightly earlier St John’s Church (1874) on Buxton Hill.**

Answer 13:

What would this road have led to? **The Railway Station (now the site of the Leisure Centre car park). This was the second railway station in the Town; the first was where the Clifton Road Surgery now stands.**

Answer 14:

Why was the road raised rather than the railway line lowered? **The railway line could not be lowered because it had to cross the Henmore Brook.**

Answer 15:

Can you see when this school was called when it first opened? **National School.**

Answer 16:

Before this school was opened, what education would poor children receive in the Town? **None, unless they were lucky enough to gain entry into one of the Charity Schools.**

Answer 17:

Which Queen was she? **Victoria**

Answer 18:

What was the princess’s relationship to the King? **She was his niece.**

Answer 19:

What is the date on the lamp post? **1864.**

Answer 20:

Where in town was the gas produced? **In the gas works on Mayfield Road, now a residential development “Aetheris Court”**

Score: /20