

Crich Tramway Village

George Stephenson Discovery Centre

Look around the George Stephenson Discovery Centre. The panels and activities will help you to answer these questions.



Section 1

Industrialisation and the Victorians

1. Who was George Stephenson?
Why did he become famous?
How is he linked with Crich?

2. If you could ask George Stephenson a question what would you ask him?

3. Look for information about the canals.
What impact did the railways have on canal trade?

4. Who introduced tramways to Britain?
What other improvements in tram transport are attributed to this person?

5. What conditions were poorer people living in during Victorian Times?
Where might they have worked?
What jobs were poor children doing?

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Section 2

Transportation and Technology

6. What were the advantages of a horse tram over a horse bus?

9. What were the benefits of rail over roads for passengers?

7. What were the advantages of electric trams? Why were steam trams not favoured?

10. How have changes in technology influenced the development of transport?

8. Why did the middle classes want to move out of the cities? What improvements were made to transport at this time?

11. Why do you think there is a renewed interest in the Tram as a form of city transport?

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THE STREET

Questions

Select a picture from the Image Pack and compare street scenes with the street scene at Crich Tramway Village.

- 1** Can you identify eras or decades that are represented in the images and Crich Tramway Village's street (Town End)?
- 2** How similar or different is Town End compared with the older images of streets with trams?
- 3** How would Crich Tramway Village's street have looked in the early and later days of trams? Think about what you could have seen and heard? What changes and developments would you have seen?
- 4** How have the images been created? How reliable are the images as a representation of a moment in time?

