

Reading's Oxford Road

The World in One Place

About this resource

This resource is designed to support a local study of the Oxford Road in Reading. This pack contains a number of resources to help explore Oxford Road's long past.

National curriculum links

This resource supports the History National Curriculum in local studies and significant changes in history.

This resource can be used with KS2 and KS3.

Videos

How to use ancestry

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KVra2bQZp0g>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q0-8FY9mkIQ>

Oxford Road

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RpN0vJ5pzlo>

Articles

Below you will find links to articles about the Oxford Road:

- <https://www.readingmuseum.org.uk/blog/short-history-oxford-road>
- <https://www.getreading.co.uk/news/local-news/oxford-road-nine-things-you-10971477>
- <https://www.getreading.co.uk/news/berkshire-history/pick-past-peaceful-driving-oxford-11353068>
- https://remainingww2relics.blogspot.com/2020/11/114-116-oxford-road-air-raid-shelter.html?m=1&fbclid=IwAR3Zk1DR8Dimg3ijf2nwLHszX_Kj4U3BLE70eQrRVMwuEwyqJcO8jebWHBQ
- https://remainingww2relics.blogspot.com/2020/11/home-guard-unit-tilehurst-reading.html?m=1&fbclid=IwAR3ioF9jHdFRoESBjYmffSNMZrYOOcDdjwm4k_5C-zbRLwPnDuaRfIIXAgA
- <https://www.readingchronicle.co.uk/news/15369137.heritage-lottery-funding-has-allowed-openhand-openspace-to-launch-a-major-refurbishment-plan-for-brock-keep/>

Evidence

In this pack we have a selection of census and directory records of people and businesses on the Oxford Road through out the years.

These records are included in 'The People of Oxford Road' as originals and typed versions. It is good to look at both to understand how records were kept and what information is chosen.

In 'The People of Oxford Road' you can explore the different people in different decades who lived on the Oxford Road. You can find out more information about the people in the records by using Ancestry in 'Using Ancestry'. This can help to build your picture further to develop stories about the people you have look at!

CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1911.

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The contents of the Schedule will be treated as confidential. Strict care will be taken that no information is disclosed with regard to individual persons. The returns are not to be used for proof of age, or in connection with Old Age Pensions, or for any other purpose than the preparation of Statistical Tables.

NAME AND SURNAME	RELATIONSHIP to Head of Family	AGE and SEX	PARTICULARS as to MARRIAGE	PROFESSION or OCCUPATION of Persons aged ten years and upwards		NATURALITY of every Person born in a Foreign Country	INFIRMITY
				Personal Occupation	Industry or Service with which worker is connected		
1 Edwin Hudson	Head	64	Married	918	Wagoner	English	
2 Mary Martha Hudson	Wife	59	Married			English	
3 Percival Edwin Hudson	Son	22	Single	210	Wagoner	English	
4 Helen Joan Hudson	Son	20	Single	918	Wagoner	English	
5 Jessie Ruby Hudson	Daughter	23	Single		Wagoner	English	

(To be filled up by the Enumerator)

Male	Female	Total
3	2	5

(To be filled up by, or on behalf of, the Head of Family or other person in charge, or in charge, of the dwelling.)

I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature *Edwin Hudson*

Postal Address *129 Oxford Road Reading*

Photographs

Reading Museum has a collection of photographs of people on the Oxford Road which show how people lived in the past.

Photographs can tell us about the events that people celebrated, the way they dressed and the hobbies that they enjoyed doing.

Explore the photographs by looking at the decade they were taken and see if you can find them on ancestry or on other websites (listed in this pack). You can use keywords from the photograph descriptions in your searches.

You can also use this resource with 'The People of Oxford Road' to build stories about the people you see in the photographs.



Local History Books

You can find these books in the library:

- Oxford Road: A brief History - Gwylim Games 2006
- Revealing Reading's Hidden History: Oxford Road - Reading Museum 2013
- The story of the Battle Globe Community Garden : Oxford Road, Reading, UK - by Jen Hurst, Julie Burnett and the Battle Globe Group 1999
- Oxford Road Project: [three documents, produced as part of a school project: (1) History pack; (2) Journey to work; (3) Clues in history] - 1990
- Notes on Architects in Reading 15 folders - Sidney Gold

Here are some other books that you may be able to find online:

- Abattoirs Road to Zinzan Street: Reading's Streets & Their Names - Adam Sowan 2004
- Fox Talbot and The Reading Establishment - Martin Andrews 2014

Local Community Websites

Below are some local communities formed on the Oxford Road. Some share some information about the building their organization meets in:

- <https://www.thepavilion.org.uk/history/>
- <http://www.abmreading.org/>
- <https://readingsynagogue.uk/about.htm>
- <http://www.readingmosque.com/about.php>
- <http://openhandoopenspace.blogspot.com/>

Other learning resources

These are excellent places to find records about the Oxford Road. Explore their online catalogues to see what they hold about the Oxford Road:

- Berkshire Record Office - <http://ww2.berkshireenclosure.org.uk/calmview/>
- Reading Libraries - <https://library.reading.gov.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/MSGTRN/WPAC/HOME>
- University of Reading - [https://rdg.ent.sirsiidynix.net.uk/Museum of English Rural Life](https://rdg.ent.sirsiidynix.net.uk/Museum%20of%20English%20Rural%20Life) - <http://www.reading.ac.uk/Adlib/search/simple>
- Reading Museum - <http://collections.readingmuseum.org.uk/>
- Ancestry - <https://www.ancestry.co.uk/>
- University of Leicester: Special collections online - <http://specialcollections.le.ac.uk/>
- National Archives - <https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/>
- Work Houses, Reading - <http://www.workhouses.org.uk/Reading/>

Resources and Activities in this pack

- Using Ancestry (Resource and Activity)
- Buildings on Oxford Road (Resource and Design Activity)
- Oxford Road Time-line (Resource)
- Photographs of Oxford Road (Resource)
- People of Oxford Road (Resource and Activity using records)
- Stories of Oxford Road (Resource and Interview Activity)
- Interview Template (Resource and Activity to interview friends and family)
- Identifying Architecture (Resource and Design Activity)
- Local studies (Resource – Information about Oxford Road Characters)

Welcome to Oxford Road Booklet Activity

Lots of people move to the Oxford Road; it is a bustling and busy place!
Maybe you moved here yourself?

Activity

Using the Resources and information in this pack, make a Welcome to Oxford Road booklet!

Think about the Questions below:

What would you like to see in a welcome pack?

What do you think newcomers would like to learn about the Oxford Road?

Could you add an 'Oxford Road of the future' page at the end?

What could you use about architecture and the buildings in this booklet?

Could you use characters in your booklet?

Would a time-line work well in your booklet?

What about information about the shops?

The Future of Oxford Road...

