



# Trafford History Trail: Timperley

**We need you to be a history detective!**

**1. Start at Timperley Village Day Nursery on Stockport Road.**

This building used to be an Infant School and was built in 1873. As well as reading, writing, maths, P.E and R.E., all boys and girls had to learn needlework and knitting. What is the number on the front door?

Answer .....

**2. Turn to your left and walk towards Bedford Drive. Cross over Bedford Drive and immediately stop at the corner by the block of apartments.**

A farm called Four Lane Ends was situated here in the 1800s. Many farmers in Timperley grew fruit and veg to sell at markets in Manchester, including rhubarb called 'Timperley Early'. Walk along Bedford Drive and keep to the left hand side. There is a name plaque at the entrance to the apartments. What are they called?

Answer: .....

**3. Turn around and walk back to the corner of Bedford Drive and Stockport Road. To your left you will see Timperley Village Club. Stop.**

In 1910 Thomas Edward Brooks gave the land on which the Club stands as a site for Parish rooms and a club. What is the date on the plaque by the front door?

Answer: .....

4. Walk along Stockport Road to the traffic lights and cross over, turning left onto Thorley Lane. Walk along Thorley Lane until you reach the entrance to the Larkhill Centre. Walk up the path to the Centre.

A large house called Lark Hill once stood here. It had lovely gardens, a bridge and a pond. From 1913 to 1920 it was used as a school. When the house was demolished, the grounds became the present public park. Turn to your left and walk over to the first seat in the park. Who is the seat dedicated to?

Answer: .....

5. Walk back to Thorley Lane, turn left and walk back to the traffic lights. Turn left onto Stockport Road. Walk as far as the Post Office and stop.

The Post Office is at the end of a row of shops. These buildings were built in 1930. What are they called?

Answer: .....

6. Walk back to the traffic lights and cross over the road to the bronze statue of local hero, Frank Sidebottom.

Frank Sidebottom was a larger-than-life character who appeared on local TV and radio from 1984 onwards. The man behind the mask was comedian and musician, Chris Sievey who died in 2010. How many buttons are there on Frank's jacket?

Answer: .....

**Congratulations!**

You have now completed the history trail!

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