

Key Vocabulary	
locality	A neighbourhood or area.
significant	Something or someone very important.
community	A group of people who live in the same area or who have something in common.
district	An area of country, city or town.
parish	A small place with its own church.
county	An area of a country which usually includes several towns and countryside.
region	A large area of land which has a noticeable characteristic.

Aston in the Past



Aston in the Present Day



Early History of Aston on Trent

Aston on Trent is a rural village approximately seven miles to the south-west of Derby City. It has around 1800 residents. Aston on Trent was mentioned in the Domesday book, is near the site of a Neolithic settlement and has a wealth of social and working heritage. Until the early twentieth century much of the village and adjoining land was owned by wealthy families, including the Holden and Boden families.

Timeline during the World Wars

August 1914: A meeting was held by Rev James Holden to encourage villagers from Aston and Weston to volunteer to fight in WWI (The Great War).	January 1915: Men from Aston and Weston volunteered to form part of the Home Guard – known as “Dad’s Army”.	During WWI, Aston Hall was used as a hospital to treat wounded soldiers.	Throughout WWII, Aston was used as a ‘decoy sight’ during bombing raids to protect Rolls Royce in Derby.	Those who gave their lives in the First and Second World Wars are commemorated in the form of Aston’s War Memorial Hall.
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Key Vocabulary		Examples of Heritage in the Locality	Significant Individuals from the Local Community	What They Are Known For
heritage	The history and traditions of a particular area or culture that are significant today.		George Compton	He created the Roll of Honour at a young age to commemorate those from Aston who gave their lives during the war.
heritage trail	A walking trail, often in a public place, that highlights important cultural objects, such as buildings, from the past.		Rev James Shuttleworth Holden	Was the Rector at Aston church and was heavily involved in organising volunteers to help with the war effort.
living memory	A time that can be remembered by people who are still alive.		Edith Greatorex	Her husband fought with the Royal Navy in WWI. She wrote letters and poems to commemorate the fallen.
beyond living memory	Events that happened a long time ago and cannot be remembered by people who are alive today.		Major Guy Winterbottom	Served during WWI and was killed in action in 1917. There is a window in church dedicated to his memory.
Map of Aston from 1901		Current Map of Aston		
				