

HOW TO TURN BACK TIME ON YOUR HIGH STREET

There are lots of ways you can get involved:

Quick ideas

Showcase your collection

If you are a library, archive or local history society, all those lovely old books, photos, catalogues or digital files are about to come into their own. When the *Turn Back Time* series is broadcast, the public are going to get interested in researching their local high street history. So get ready! Use the timeline as a poster to draw attention to your collection by creating a display.

Try our Hands on History quiz and make up some of your own

Here's your starter for 10. When and where was the first Betty's Tea Room founded? Answer at the bottom of the page. Visit our website for the Turn Back Time starter quiz questions and suggestions for writing your own local high street quiz sections.

Working with groups

Use the timeline with groups

Researching the history of your high street is a great activity for groups. This timeline can become the centre of a display of their findings. Small groups can focus on one or two shops whilst larger groups could create a history of an entire street. To help them get started, we have produced a guide full of useful hints and tips. It explains how to use libraries, archives, useful websites and more to find images and information. Download a whole booklet, or individual sections at bbc.co.uk/history/handsonhistory.

Get in the picture

Help us build a record of high street histories across the UK. Use the guide on the next page to run a session about taking 'now and then' pictures. Then upload them to our Turn Back Time Flickr group. You could also mount the pictures in a Turn Back Time photo frame (on this timeline). Download more from our website for the group to take away.

Arrange a talk

Hosting a talk is a wonderful way to showcase your collection and bring it to life. Archive footage, images or artefacts can all be the basis for an interesting discussion. Local museums or historical societies may be able to provide expert speakers.

Family activities

Ask family groups to take pictures at different points along the high street. Then piece together the pictures to create a panoramic display of your high street. Older children or family groups can then research the previous uses of the shops and display the information under each photo to create a brief history of their high street. See how far back in time they can go.

BBC events

Turn Back Time is taking to the road with a tour of 'pop-up' history shops in empty high street sites across the UK. The shops will offer an innovative, sensory experience to visitors to bring the history of their own high street to life. Please go online to see where these events are taking place and contact us if you'd like to get involved.

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Hi, I'm Eric,
Watch my adventures through
time and find details of activities
and events around the UK online:
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TAKE A 'NOW AND THEN' PICTURE

Why not run a session to help people upload 'now and then' pictures to the Turn Back Time Flickr group? It's great for sharing pictures and information about the history of your high street.

What to do

1. Ask your group to find a photo of your high street (or just one shop) that is at least one year old. If you're not sure where to find a picture from the past, use our guide to researching your high street for help. Download the guide from our website: bbc.co.uk/history/handsonhistory
2. Take your group, and their old pictures, out onto the high street.
3. Ask your group to match their picture with the modern day location. Use buildings and landmarks to line the photo up with the street as it looks today.
4. Hold the old photo out at arm's length in front of the camera.
5. Take a new photo to create a 'now and then' image (take a number of photos with different alignments – it can take a few goes to get it right).
6. Once back inside, upload the final picture to the Turn Back Time photo gallery. Find a link and clear instructions at bbc.co.uk/history/handsonhistory.

Some important rules to remember

- Photos must be free of any copyright issues (ie the photo must be the photographer's own or they must have permission to use it).
- When you upload the photos, tag each one with the location so other people in the area can find it. If possible include key information about the picture and area.
- Make sure you read the full terms and conditions before uploading a picture.



Running a digital inclusion session?

This is a great activity for teaching people how to use a digital camera and then share their pictures online. You can also find help, instructions and advice on the BBC's media and technology portal: bbc.co.uk/connect

