



Spring Bank

A place in Hull where we feel at home

An Exploring and Belonging Reading Resource
created by



In collaboration with refugees and asylum seekers
living in Hull

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The Exploring and Belonging project encourages refugees and asylum seekers to think about what is of value as local heritage in the place they live in Yorkshire & Humber.

Participants visited, researched and wrote about places. They discussed what it was about these places that gave them a sense of belonging.

This reading resource has been created by MESH in collaboration with these participants.

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Spring Bank is a long straight road in the centre of Hull.

There are many shops, cafes and restaurants on Spring Bank.



We visited Spring Bank. We started our journey at the City Centre end, near the Job Centre.

There are a lot of old
buildings on
Spring Bank.



It is a place with a history.

We wanted to find out more so
we looked at historic maps.

In the 1890s there was a tramway along Spring Bank.



Trams ran along the centre of the road. There were also trees all along the road.

Some of the houses have very long gardens. It seems that this was a rich area of Hull.



This map and picture show Spring Bank in the 1920s, thirty years later.

The tramway is still there. You can see a tram in the picture. There are more houses. There are some trees but less than in the 1890s.

The area changed a lot during this time. We think it was busier, and the roads were congested with people, cars, motorbikes, bicycles and trams.

Today there are cars, with a bus lane to stop congestion, and a bike lane to keep cyclists safe.

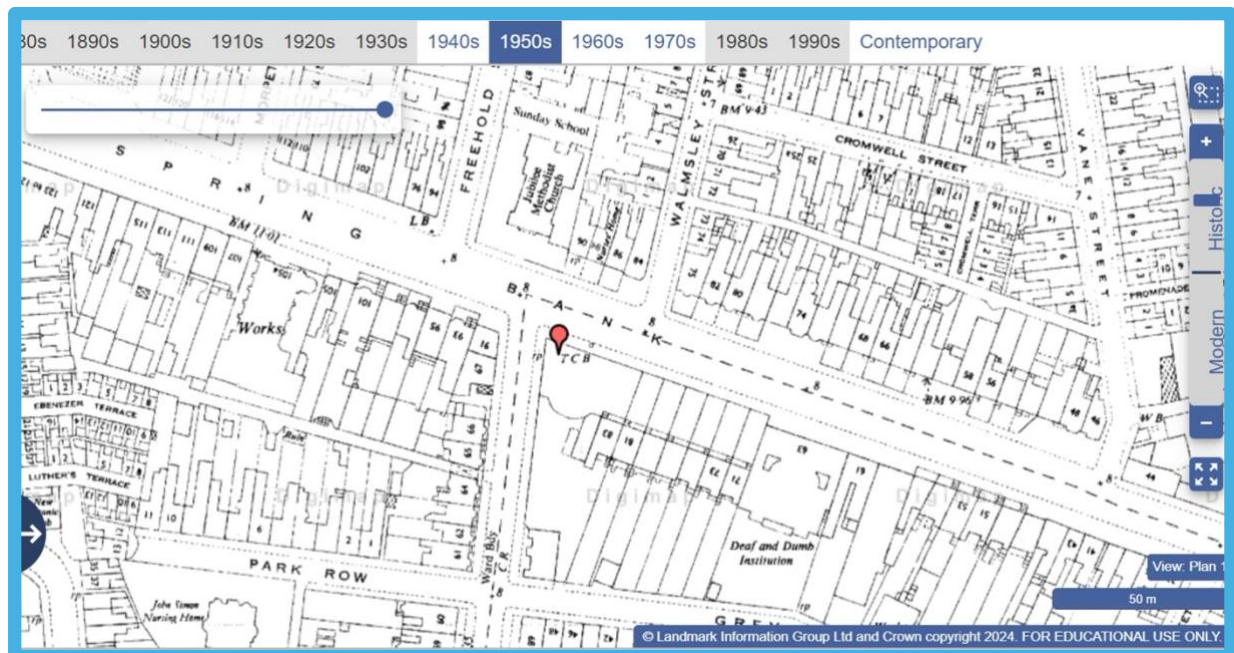
This building was called the Hull Deaf and Dumb Institution. You can see it on the 1920s map, but you can't see it on the 1890s map.



The plaque shows that it was built in 1926.

It is still used by the Deaf community today. Now it is called the Centre for the Deaf. These days we don't use the word 'dumb' to talk about people.

The 1950s map shows that this area of Spring Bank escaped the bombs of the war in the 1940s. The Deaf and Dumb Institution is still there.



By the red pin the map says 'TCB'. This means there was a Telephone Call Box on this corner. Today there is a mosque on this corner.



Here is the Spring Bank Masjid. It is on the corner of Spring Bank and Park Street.

The mosque is not named on the 1950s map because it was built after this. From the 1980s it was a bank.

In 2019 local people got permission to make a Mosque here.

The Hull Kurdish Community Association is also based here.



There are a lot of Kurdish shops and restaurants on Spring Bank.

Many Kurds came from Iraq in the early 2000s. They came as asylum seekers and the Government settled them in Hull.

For many it was hard in the early days.

There was a lot of racism, but now Spring Bank has changed.



People have settled and Spring Bank is a very multicultural place.

You can get food from different parts of the world on Spring Bank.



We went to a Kurdish restaurant. The food is very tasty and very cheap!



Here, you can see Kurdish sofas and carpets. These give a feel of home for Kurdish people.



Other people can get to know and enjoy Kurdish culture. You can experience many different cultures on Spring Bank.

In the Hull Daily Mail you can read an article about Spring Bank and the refugees who changed it.

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