



Young Heritage Hunters

Finding Footprints in Fishermead



The newly developed flats in 1976



The Trinity Centre in 1980s



Making the Fishermead model



Collecting memories of Fishermead



View of Fishermead facing Central Milton Keynes in 1974

During the Easter holidays, Young Heritage Hunters went to Fishermead and met some brilliant people who collected memories for the timeline in the exhibition and made the model showing Fishermead's streets.

Most of the land where Fishermead was built was owned by the Chartmoor family until 1952. They farmed 230 acres including Fishermead. The Chartmoors were well known pig farmers who supplied meat to many local butchers. The area is called Fishermead after the field that it was built on. This inspired the street name theme of Cornish fishing areas.

The area was developed in the late 1970s. Some of the original residents still live there today. They remember the area being green all around. At the end of each street there was a telephone to call the 'Dial-a-bus'. The architect's original vision was for the buildings all to be the same colour. However, the residents had other ideas and started to customise their homes as soon as they were settled.

Fishermead is known for having a highly transient population and has been in the news for negative reasons. However there is a great community spirit in the area.