

# Heritage Hunters

## Olney Heritage Walk

The Olney Heritage Walk is a collaboration between Olney Middle School, Cowper and Newton Museum and Milton Keynes Heritage Association.

Twelve children aged between 9 and 11 volunteered to put together a trail that would tell people about the history of Olney.

Amanda Pickard and Elizabeth Knight from Cowper and Newton Museum spent an afternoon in school talking to the children about the history of the town. The children then spent much of their own time, including breaks and lunchtimes doing more research and writing about their places of interest.

Unfortunately, because of Olney's long history we had to leave out quite a few places of interest.

On a beautiful February afternoon, the children led a group of governors from the school on the walk and told them about the history. The children had to battle against the noise of the traffic, a helicopter and the church bells to deliver their information.

When they got back to school, the children reflected on what they had done and made amendments to their work.

The adults felt the children had worked very hard and admitted to learning new facts about their town.

All the work in the leaflet (apart from the information about the project itself) was written by the children and only the punctuation and grammar was checked. All the photos were taken as part of the project and the vintage ones were kindly lent by Cowper and Newton Museum.

