

Century of Change - Guide to the Activity

Our *Century of Change* activity compares 2 historical maps of the Nottinghamshire village of **Rainworth**.

Map 1 shows Rainworth in 1887 (mid-Victorian times) and **Map 2** shows how the village had grown and developed by 1938, half a century later.

(Both are extracts from maps we have in Nottinghamshire Libraries, copied with permission of Ordnance Survey).

The activity also involves looking at old photographs of Rainworth – these can be found on the **Inspire Picture Archive** www.inspirepicturearchive.org.uk

- Use the search box to search for a particular place, building or street.
Tip – search for e.g. *Robin Hood Inn* instead of *Robin Hood Inn Rainworth*
- To browse images of Rainworth and the Sherwood Forest area of Nottinghamshire, click on *Miner2Major – Century of Change*, *Miner2Major – Veiled Landscape*, *Miner2Major – Heritage Buildings* or *Miner2Major – People of Sherwood*.

We hope you enjoy looking at the old maps and photographs to complete the Find 3 Challenge!

Some ideas for things to look out for...

- *Housing* : Look at the increasing amount of housing , streets and facilities between the two maps
- *Work and Industry*: Think about local industries and how they changed things in the local area

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The period 1850-1950 saw the landscape of Sherwood change dramatically, mines were sunk, railway lines built, and new towns and villages created. This project will help to better tell the stories of this period of change through working with local schools and local history groups to research the Century of Change.

To find out more about the Miner2Major Century of Change project visit: <https://miner2major.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/>

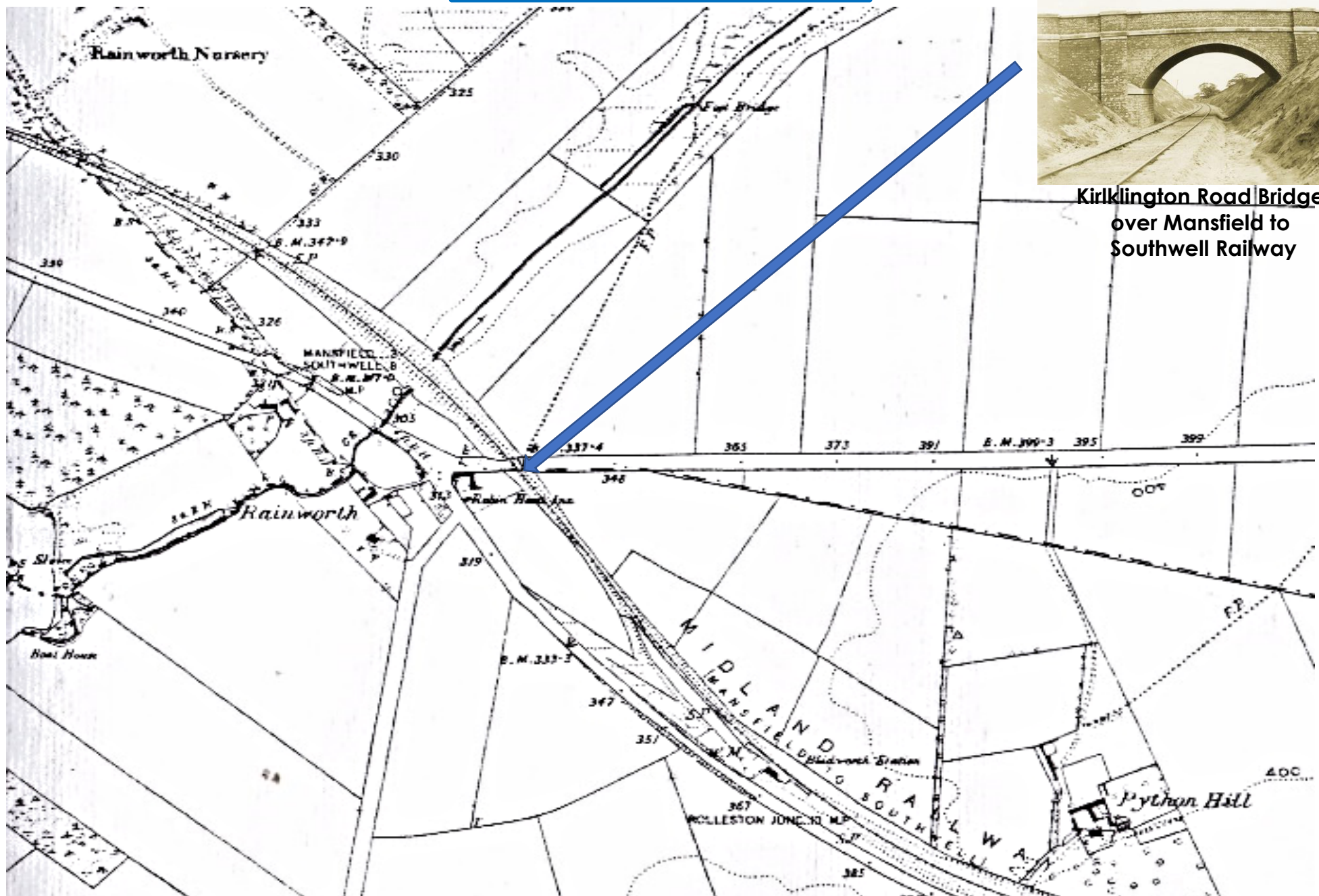
Take the Find 3 Challenge!

1. Find 3 things shown on both the 1887 and 1938 map of Rainworth.
2. Find 3 buildings on the 1938 map that weren't there in 1887.
3. Find 3 streets marked on the 1938 map that weren't there in 1887.
4. Find old photos of these 3 Rainworth places on the Inspire Picture Archive www.inspirepicturearchive.org.uk Search for:
 - Blidworth Station
 - Robin Hood Inn
 - Python Hill
5. Find clues from the maps and photos to guess 3 jobs Rainworth people could have done in 1887 or in 1938.

Find 3 Challenge: Possible answers

1. Railway, Blidworth Station, Rainworth Nursery, Python Hill (house), inn/hotel (Robin Hood Inn), Boat House,
2. School, Cinema, Club, Hall, Church, Waterworks
3. New streets off Kirklington Road e.g. North Avenue, South Avenue, Little John Drive
5. 1887 – farmer, nurseryman, railway worker, inn keeper, 1938 – miner (at nearby Rufford Colliery), school teacher, post office worker, inn keeper/hotel worker, shop keeper

Map 1: Rainworth in 1887



Kirklington Road Bridge
over Mansfield to
Southwell Railway

Map 2: Rainworth in 1938

