

Ashbury with Compton Beauchamp Church of England (VA) Primary School

Compassion, Perseverance, Responsibility

Knowledge Organiser: Subject - History

Topic: Local History

Year: 3/4

Strand: What's great about Ashbury?

What should I already know?

- Ashbury is a village.
- Wayland Smithy is a burial place on the Ridgeway.

What will I know by the end of the unit?

Ashbury

- Ashbury lies at the foot of the Berkshire Downs; it is a typical hill settlement, located at a spring line and has been inhabited continuously for more than 5000 years.
- In the 9th Century it bore the Saxon name Aescaesbyries (The Camp of the Ash Trees), while it is recorded in the Domesday Book under the name Eissesberie.
- Ashbury used to lie within the county of Berkshire, but is now part of Oxfordshire.



St Mary's Church

- The first church at Ashbury was built for the Abbot of Glastonbury prior to AD 947.
- The 12th century west end is the earliest part of the present church.
- The rest of the building is some three hundred years younger, though the tower and north and south chapels are 13th century and the chancel is 14th century.
- There are Sarsen stones on the West side of the churchyard that are said to be part of a mystical circle that once encircled the village.
- Importantly, the first Sunday School in the UK was founded in Ashbury by the curate Thomas Stock in 1777 in collaboration with his colleague Robert Raikes. There are memorials to Thomas Stock in St Mary's Church.



Vocabulary

Century	A period of 100 years.
Village	A group of houses, smaller than a town in a rural area.
Settlement	A place where people establish a community.
Sunday School	A class held on Sunday to teach children about Christianity or Judaism.

Ashbury Village Hall and School

- Ashbury's first Village Hall was constructed, with financial assistance from Lady Craven.
- In 1724 money was raised by local gentlemen and Lord Craven for a Charity School in Ashbury.
- The National School was built in 1864.
- Following construction of the new Ashbury with Compton Beauchamp C of E Primary School in 1961, the vacated National School was used as a Village Hall.

