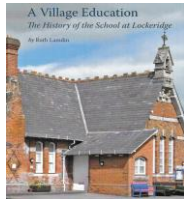


# Knowledge Organiser – History – A local study – How has our school and village changed over time?

## BIG 6: Queen Victoria, Victorian Era, Primary Sources, Secondary Sources, Census



### Kennet Valley School

- Kennet Valley School was opened in January 1875
- The old part of the school was built during the Victorian era, named after Queen Victoria
- Queen Victoria reigned between 1837 and 1901 (64 years)
- The Forster Education Act of 1870 made it possible for children aged from five to thirteen to be taught in 'elementary' schools – compulsory schooling to the age of ten became law in 1880.
- In 1990 the school was federated with East Kennet School and was named Kennet Valley.
- In 2011, the school was extended to fit the whole school on one site.
- Local author, Ruth Lamdin, wrote a book 'A Village education – the history of the school at Lockeridge'

### The Dene

- Sarsen stones can be found at Lockeridge Dene.
- These sandstone blocks are a geological feature that have a long history, stretching back over 30 million years.
- These types of stones were used to build structures in the Neolithic and Bronze Age.
- They are ancient stones, formed from a sandstone deposit that formed on the chalk.
- Over time, many of these stones were used as building material in places like Avebury, Stonehenge and local buildings.
- The National Trust gained the area in 1908 to preserve and protect the stones.

### Lockeridge

- Field enclosures on White Hill (a ridge above the village) provide evidence of Roman occupation. One possible derivation of the name is from the Old English composite word *loc(a)-hrycg* meaning "a ridge marked by enclosures".
- There are three main architectural styles in the village.
- **Sarsen stone**, generally painted or left rough-hewn, and thatched with wheat or wheat-reed mix.
- **Victorian estate** architecture built of stone or Wiltshire redbrick with sarsen banding.
- **20th-century solid brick** housing in a variety of styles, in the main street and on Back Lane and Rhyls Lane.
- In the 2021 census, the population was 309