

History



Find out about Anderton House's past...

Hello! Welcome to Anderton House. My name is Liz and I lived here with my Mum and Dad in the 1970's when I was a girl, although it was called Rigg Side back then!

When I was little I lived in Preston where my Dad Ian Anderton, who was a **pharmacist** (say 'farm-a-sist'), had his own shop. We were forced to move from there when a road-widening plan meant that his shop had to be knocked down and Dad chose Devon as our new home.

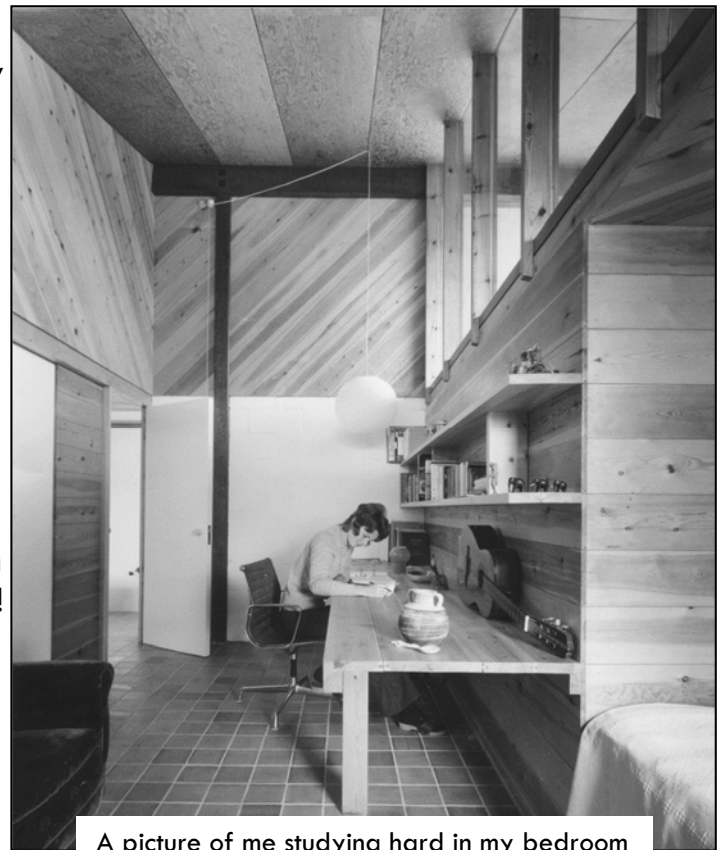
In 1969 Dad found a well-known **architect** (say 'ark-ee-tect') called Peter Adlington and asked him to design a new house for us. Dad gave Peter an idea of what he wanted, including views across the valley, open plan living spaces and three private bedrooms. He also asked that the bedrooms were soundproofed; I loved listening to The Beatles and perhaps I played my music too loudly! What music do you like to listen to? Dad also wanted his own study area in the living room, we nicknamed it 'the dog house'!

Fact:

An **architect** (say 'ark-ee-tect') designs buildings and instructs people on how to build them.

Fact:

A **pharmacist** (say 'farm-a-sist') is a person who prepares and gives out or sells medicines.



A picture of me studying hard in my bedroom



The architect – Peter Adlington

The house was built in 1970-71 and I was given a huge desk in my bedroom. This was great as I was a student when we moved in and I was doing a lot of research and writing. One of the best design ideas of this house was that the clutter like books and papers be hidden and so there are lots of built-in cupboards and drawers. Is this the same in your house at home?



I really loved living here, especially waking up to the amazing views out of the huge windows. They were designed so it felt as though the outside was coming inside. If you look carefully, you'll see that the tiles in the living area are continued out onto the terrace. The giant windows are very heavy and made of a special tough glass so that if you get confused and try to walk straight into the view, you wouldn't smash them or hurt yourself!



A traditional Devon Longhouse



Although Anderton House looks really modern, the design was actually based on the **longhouses** people had been building in Devon for centuries.

Fact:

Anderton House is one of only seven buildings which date from the 1970's to be given a Grade II* listing. It was listed in 1998, around the same time that the Andertons decided to sell it.

Listing a building celebrates its special architectural interest and protects it from development or being knocked down.

A building can be listed by the government if it is more than 30 years old.

Fact:

A **longhouse** is a traditional stone built house. Humans and livestock, like cows, used to live together under one roof.

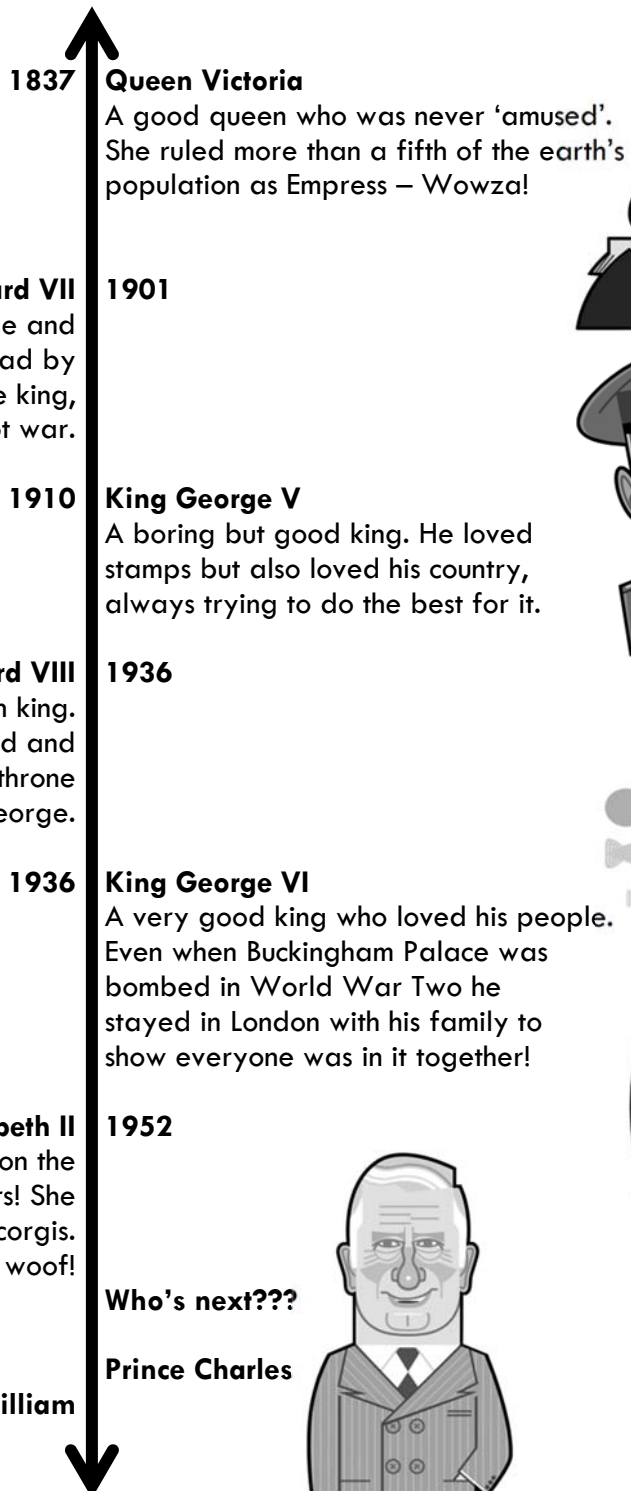
Longhouses were one-storey homes, built lengthwise down a slope. The humans lived in the higher end of the building and the animals were in the lower part.

Mum and Dad lived in this house for 25 years until Dad retired. It still had all its original fittings and the original curtains. We put the house up for sale but I was worried that it would be sold to someone who would change it a lot and so I got into contact with the architect, Peter. He told The Landmark Trust about it and I eventually sold the house to them at a much-reduced price to make sure it was looked after and enjoyed by everyone for holidays.

Unruly Rulers

Who were the Saxe-Coburgs and Windsors?

Saxe-Coburg was the surname of German Prince Albert who was Queen Victoria's husband. When Victoria died **Saxe-Coburg** continued as the royal family surname. It changed to **Windsor** in 1917 because England was fighting against Germany in World War One and the King was worried British people wouldn't like a German royal family anymore - so he changed them to **Windsors**, after the castle.





Meet Queen Elizabeth II **– who ruled when Anderton House** **was built.**



Hi Lizzi!

So when did you become queen?

I became queen in February 1952 but I wasn't coronated until the 2nd June 1953!

What's your nickname?

My nickname growing up was Lilibet, I was given this name as I couldn't say Elizabeth – it was just too long!

What is your favourite thing to do?

I love horse riding, but I also love football – I'm an Arsenal supporter! Who do you support?

What is your greatest achievement?

I am the longest reigning monarch this country has seen, 66 years and counting – I'm beating my great grandma, Victoria, who was on the throne for 63 years!



What does Anderton House look like?

Can you walk all the way around it?

Can you use any of these words to describe the building? Draw a circle around the ones that do.

Does Anderton House look like other buildings in the area? What's different?

Glass

Pretty

Stone

Symmetrical

Square

Friendly

Tall

Industrial

Brick

Home

Elegant

Low

After the Second World War (1939-45), new towns, blocks of flats, factories and hospitals were built all over the country. Some people became worried that buildings were getting too big to live a pleasant life inside them. Some **architects** (say 'ark-ee-tect'), including Peter Aldington, wanted to return to smaller and more traditional houses but build them using up-to-date materials.

Have a look at all of the different materials used to build Anderton House.

Can you list some of them below?



In the house, almost every brick and piece of timber used can be seen beneath a simple coat of paint or varnish.

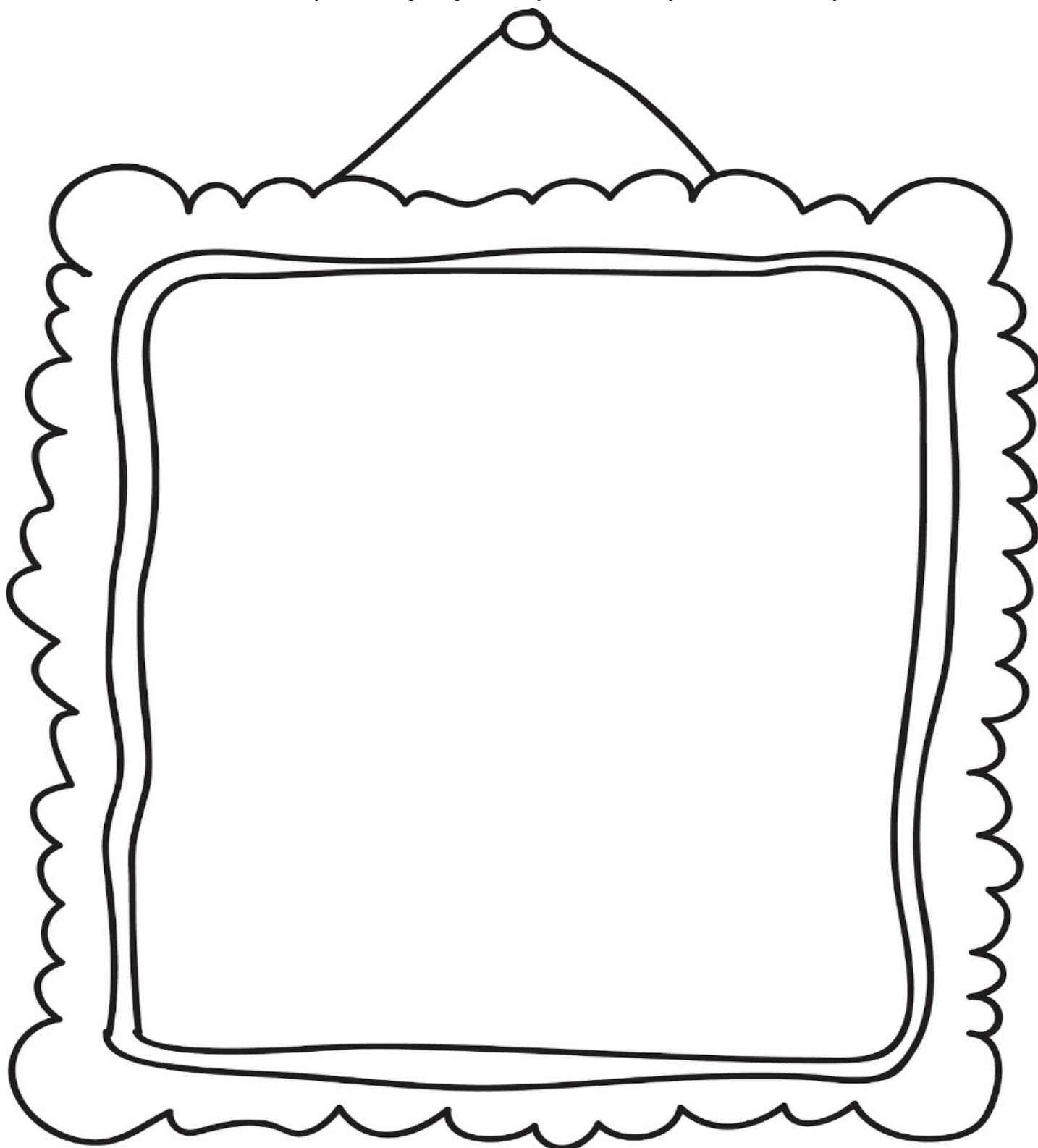
Think about your own house. How many materials can you see there?



Buildings are quite easy to draw. They are usually made up of lots of geometric shapes, like squares, triangles and circles.

Have a go at drawing Anderton House. Which side will you choose?

Please tell an adult where you are going so they don't worry about where you are!





What is Anderton House built from?

Anderton House was built using a **pre-fabricated** timber frame. It has big windows so that lots of light can come through and that you can see the beautiful view.

Fact:

Pre-fabricated means that something has already been put together. The frame at Anderton House was built in Oxford and brought to Goodleigh in sections on a lorry.

The huge roof at the Anderton House looks as though it is floating but it is actually supported by large posts.

Stone

Glass

Wood

Plastic

Can you find the posts that support it? What are they made of?

Metal

Concrete

The large glass windows were put in so that you could enjoy the view but also to let in the light. Even the curtains at Anderton House play their part – draw them shut and notice how the colour of the light in the living area changes.

You might have noticed that the entrance on the north side of the building uses a darker, textured glass – this was so that you were drawn into an almost burrow-like space before coming into the brightness of the open plan living area.

Which entrance do you prefer? Can you draw a picture of your favourite entrance in the box below?

Quest



Discover more about Anderton House

Anderton House is the youngest building under The Landmark Trusts care. Follow this Quest to discover more about it.

Go outside the front door and look up towards the roof. **What is the roof made from?**

This picture is of Liz Anderton's desk. What is it made from?

Can you see this wood in other areas of the house?



Have you found the painted breezeblocks? You don't often see these in houses now as they are usually plastered over.

Take a look at Ian Anderton's study area – a place also known as 'the Doghouse'! If you could design your own study, what would it look like? Would you keep it tidy?

Is there anything else interesting that you've found? Draw a picture in the box and write about it below. What about the design of the bathroom?

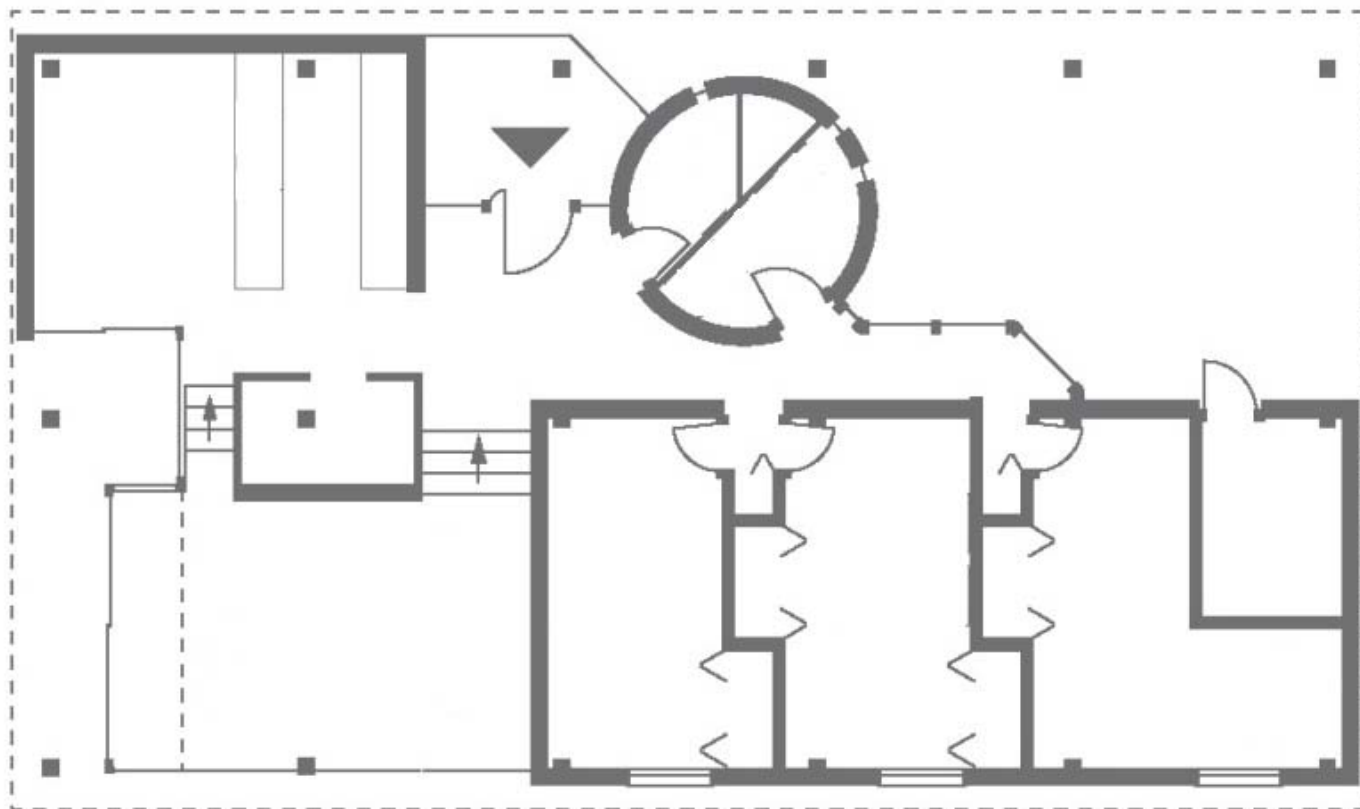
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Living in Anderton House

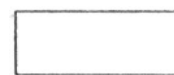
The floorplan of a building is a map of the rooms. Anderton House only has one floor although the sitting room is slightly sunken. The plan below shows you the shape of each room. Take a walk around and write on the plan what each room is used for.



We use these symbols to show where beds, tables and bathrooms are. Draw the symbols on to the floorplans to show where the furniture is. Put a star on the bed you are sleeping in. Where is the doghouse?



Bed



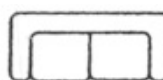
Rectangular (or a round) table



Bathroom



Cooker



Sofa



Kitchen sink



Can you find an example of each of these things inside Anderton House. Describe, or draw the object when you find it.

Your favourite chair

Your favourite window

Draw the pattern made by the grain in the wood

In the box below, why not draw your favourite piece of furniture, lamp or picture in the Anderton House.

A large, empty rectangular box with a black border, intended for drawing a favourite piece of furniture, lamp, or picture from Anderton House.



Anderton House Word Search

Now have a go at the word search. The words are all things related to Anderton House. The words to find are at the bottom of the page.

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TILES
WINDOWS
POND
GLASS
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DOGHOUSE
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DEVON
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BREEZEBLOCKS

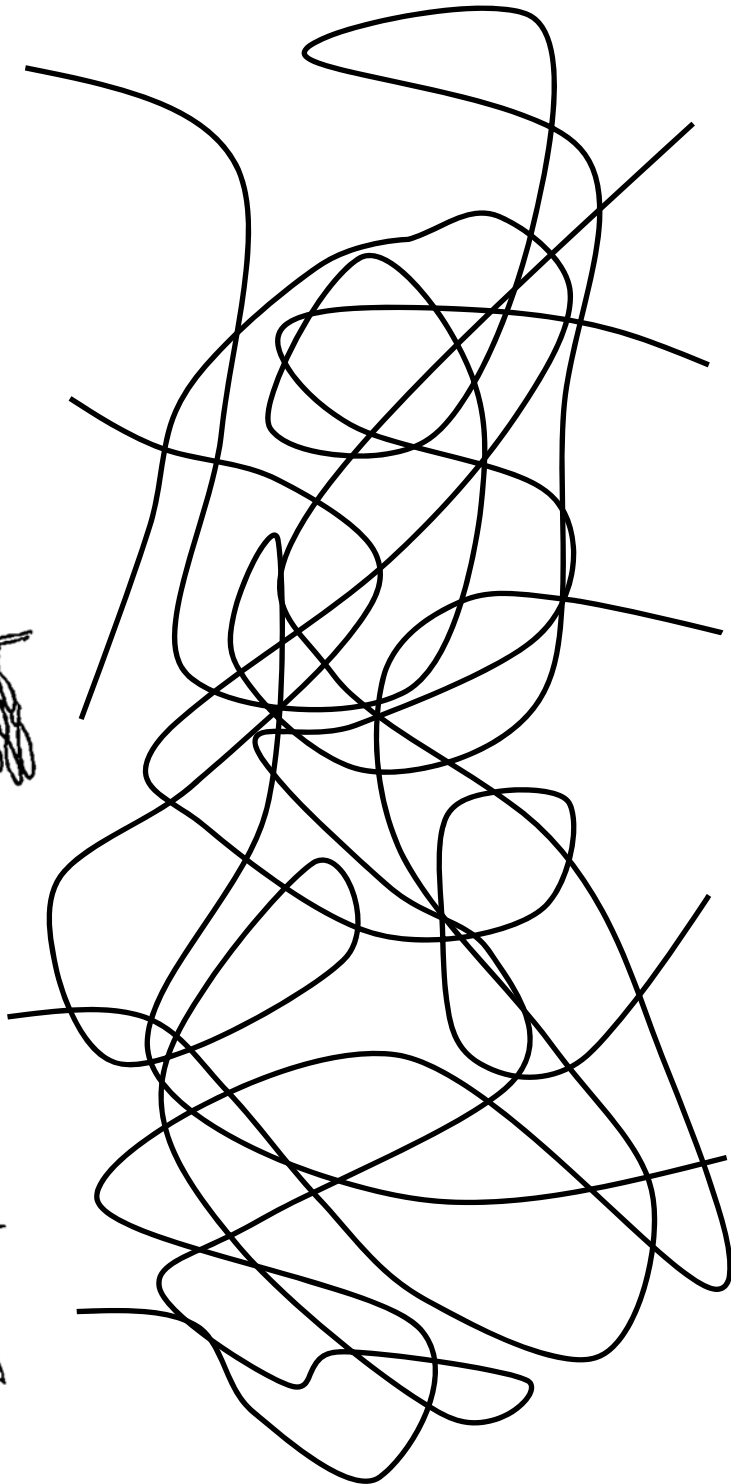
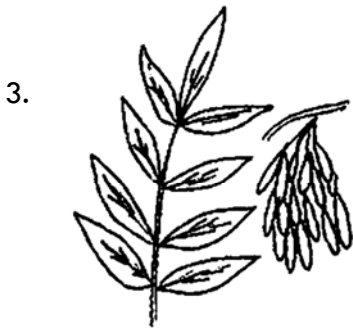
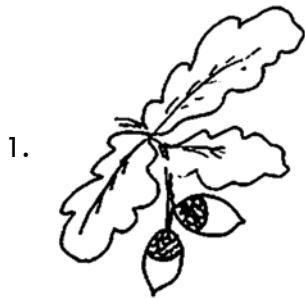
How many of these words did you find? Put your score in the box.

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Which leaf belongs to which tree?

Match the leaf to the correct tree.



Horse Chestnut

Willow

Pine

Ash

Oak

Did you match them correctly? Put your score in the box.



Can you answer these questions correctly?

1. When was Anderton House built?

1871

1970

2014

1412

2. What does a pharmacist do?

Prepares Medicines

Makes Shoes

Builds Houses

Designs Gardens

3. Where did the Andertons move from?

Edinburgh

Swansea

Preston

Penzance

4. In what year did Anderton House become listed?

1975

1810

2001

1998

5. What traditional type of building is Anderton House based on?

Cobb Cottage

Longhouse

Turf House

Log Cabin

6. Who was on the throne when Anderton House was built?

(psst... look at Unruly Rulers!)

George V

Elizabeth II

Henry VIII

Victoria

7. What nickname was given to Ian's study area?

Cowshed

Doghouse

Pigsty

Stable

8. What does pre-fabricated mean?

Already put together

Made of fabric

A small building

An old building

9. What is the living room floor made from?

Concrete

Wood

Metal

Tiles

To find the answers turn over...

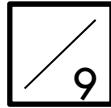


Answer sheet:

Question & Answer:

1. 1970
2. Prepares Medicines
3. Preston
4. 1998
5. Longhouse
6. Elizabeth II
7. Doghouse
8. Already put together
9. Tiles

How many did you get right?



Fact:

The tiles used in the living room at Anderton House are called **Wheatley Golden Brown quarry tiles** – these were very popular in the 1970's.



Write an acrostic poem describing your holiday at Anderton House. Each line has to begin with the letter shown, so that the lines spell 'Anderton'.

A

N

D

E

R

T

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N

Bake some scones

If you haven't ever had a scone you are missing out! Devon and Cornwall are famous for their scones. They are plain cakes that you cut in half and spread clotted cream and jam on each side. This is called a cream tea. Mmmm I could eat scones all day!

Here's a simple recipe for you to try. You might need the help of an adult.

75g of butter

1 large egg

225g of self-raising flour

2 tbsp milk

Pinch of salt

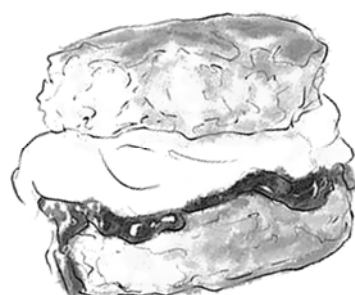
Clotted cream

40g caster sugar

Jam

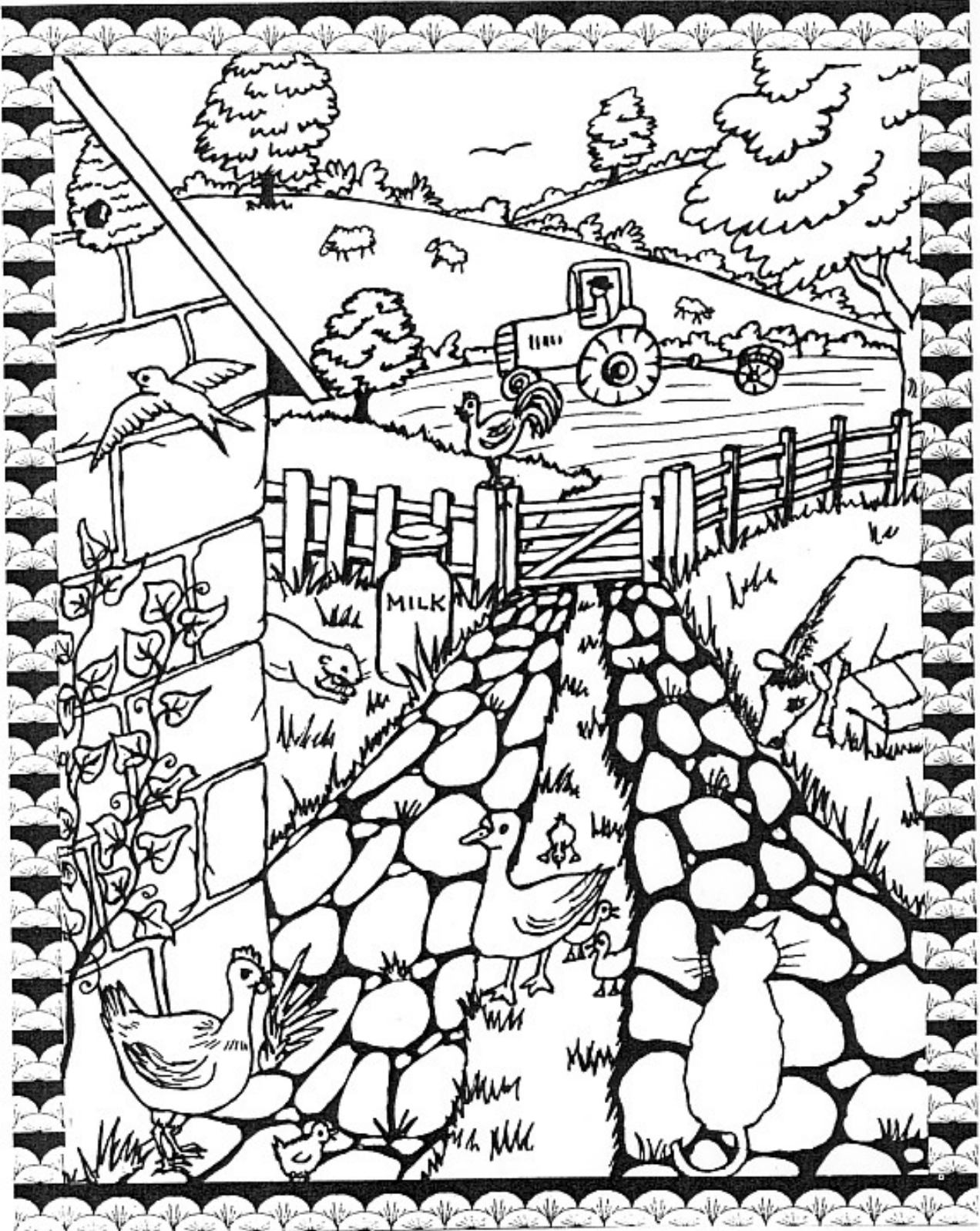
Pre-heat the oven: fan 220 °C : 425 °F : Gas 7

- Grease a baking tray.
- Sift flour and salt into bowl. Rub butter into the mixture until it looks like breadcrumbs. Add the sugar.
- Beat the egg and buttermilk together in a separate bowl.
- Add the egg and milk mixture to the flour mixture. Mix it all together with a spoon and then with your hands. This is called dough (say 'doh').
- Put some flour on the work top and then put the ball of dough onto it.
- Roll the dough into a circle (about 2.5cm thick). Then cut out the scones (if you don't have a cutter use a glass, making sure it too gets flour on the rim).
- Put them onto the baking tray and brush them with milk. Bake on the top shelf for 10-12 minutes.
- Let them cool and then serve with lots of clotted cream and jam! Yum!





Colour in this modern farmyard scene below. Can you spot what makes it modern?



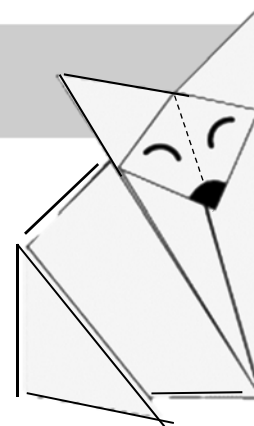


Make a woodland origami fox

Woodlands have lots of different animals living in them from rabbits, mice and insects to deer, birds and foxes. Have a go at making your own origami fox with the paper on the next sheet.

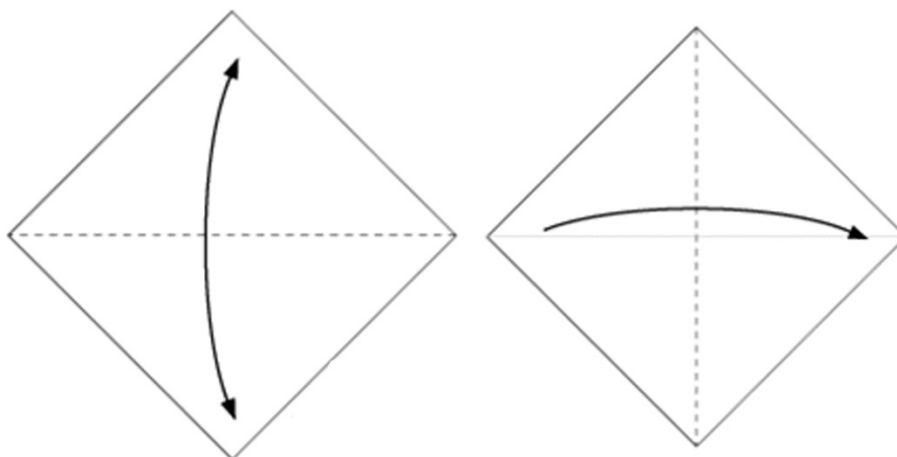
You will need:

- Paper
- Scissors
- Colouring pencils



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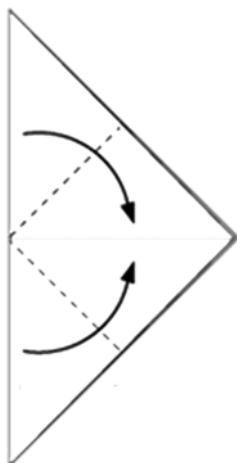
Cut the A4 piece of paper into a square. Follow the dotted lines on the sheet on the next page.



Then fold in half one way to make a crease, then open it up and fold it in half the other way.

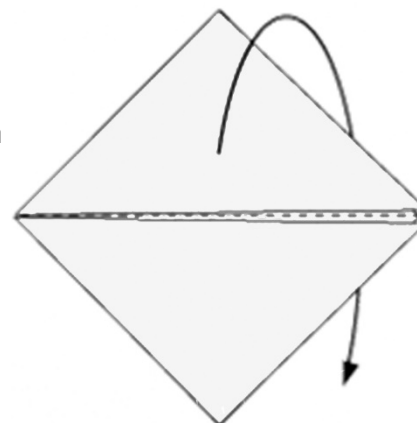
Step two:

Fold both sides in to make a diamond shape.



Step three:

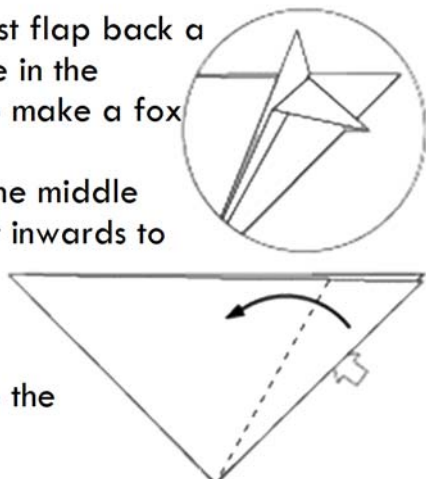
Once you have the diamond shape, fold the paper in on itself in half again so that all the flaps are on the outside edge.



Step four:

Fold the first flap back a little bit like in the diagram to make a fox ear.

Then with the middle flap push it inwards to make a Diamond shape that will be the fox's face.



Step five:

Turn the paper round so that it is at a right angle. Then fold the other corner inwards to create the fox's tail. Then colour and draw in the fox's face!

