

Year 3 Knowledge Organiser: Our Local Area

Vocabulary

fort - a strong place or building where soldiers defend their territory
settlement - a place where people decide to live.
compass - something that shows the directions north, south, east and west.
remains - the parts left over after something has been destroyed.
map - a drawing of a particular area such as a city, a country, or a continent, showing its main features as they would appear if you looked at them from above.
key - a description of the symbols used in a map.
symbol - images used to represent important places and areas on a map.
cardinal points - each of the four main points of the compass (north, south, east, and west)
Sculpture - art work created especially by carving stone or wood or by casting metal or plaster.

Hodgkin Park in **Benwell** was donated to the public in **1899** by Thomas Hodgkin, a wealthy local Banker. The park had previously been the grounds to Hodgkin's house. The park is in two parts, divided by **Armstrong Road**.

There are lots of sculptures around Hodgkin Park. These ornamental gates are at the north entrance to the northerly section of Hodgkin Park on Benwell Lane.

You can plot these sculptures on a map of Hodgkin Park.



'Oasis Gate' by William Pym



'Lovers Gate' by William Pym

Using a compass

There are eight points on a compass.

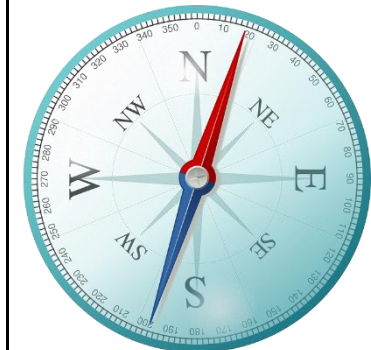
You can use these to give and follow directions.

The four main (cardinal) points on a compass are:

North
East
West
South

The points in between are:

North East
South East
South West
North West



Condercum

Condercum was a Roman fort on the Condercum estate in Benwell. It was the third fort on Hadrian's Wall, after Segedunum (Wallsend) and Pons Aelius (Newcastle).

The fort (Condercum) was occupied for around 300 years until Roman rule in Britain ended shortly after AD 410.

The Romans named **Condercum** which meant "**place with a fine view**".



Using a map

You can locate your school, street and other local places of interest on a map (e.g. Hodgkin Park, Scotswood Road/Bridge).

A map uses a symbols to represent things. A key explains what the symbols mean.

