

Different People in Shropshire



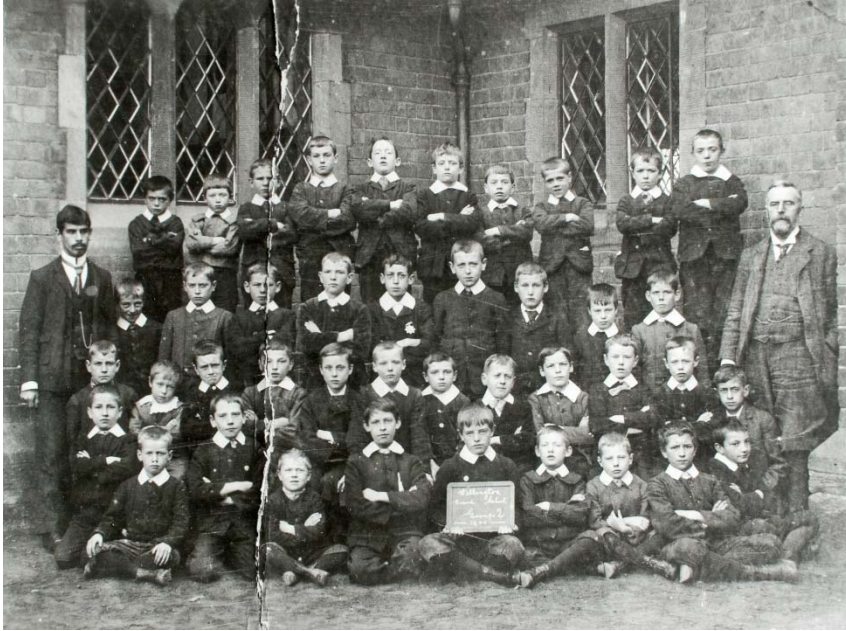
Who Lives in Shropshire?

- Shropshire has many people living here from all over the world, including:
- Africa,
- Asia,
- Europe,
- South America,
- West Indies,
- And Wales, Scotland and Ireland.



Consuelo Arvila teaching (She left Peru to live in Shropshire in 1967.)

Historical Connections



An Asian school teacher at a Wellington school

- From as far back as Roman times, different people have settled in Shropshire, including Asian and Afro-Caribbean individuals coming in the 18th Century.
- Evidence of their presence in Shropshire can be found in old photographs and oral histories.

Why have people come to Shropshire?

- People have come to Shropshire for a variety of reasons, such as:
- finding work,
- to earn money,
- to study,
- to join family and friends,
- to enjoy life in Shropshire,
- because of Britain's link to the colonies and
- to escape wars or environmental disasters.



Janina Tobiasz left Poland and moved to England to escape the Second World War.

How many people live here?

- According to the 2001 Census the majority of immigrant people who live in Shropshire are from Chinese or Traveller/Gypsy backgrounds.
- However this information needs to be updated because many more people have moved to Shropshire since the census, including Eastern European communities.
- We also have many people who are from mixed-heritage backgrounds.



Leon Murray, whose father is half Jamaican-Scottish, his mother is Jamaican-Indian. Leon left Jamaica to live in England in 1961.

Making a contribution



Pal Virdee came to England to work as a midwife.

- Different people have made a valuable contribution to Shropshire life.
- They have provided skills for important jobs.
- They bring music, food and different ways of thinking and doing things.
- For some of us they are our colleagues, friends and family.

All types of people have helped
make Shropshire what it is
today!