

City of Bath World Heritage Site

18th Century town planning activity

Design your dream town



Did you know?

In the 18th century Bath became a fashionable place to visit and spend leisure time, catering for health and entertainment needs. The old walled Medieval town did not have the facilities or the space to house the visitors so the city expanded dramatically. Higgledy-piggledy Medieval buildings and narrow streets were cleared and Bath was transformed into a spacious and beautiful city. Terraces were designed and built in a uniform way using the honey-coloured limestone mined to the south of Bath at Combe Down.

New types of architecture appeared including squares, crescents and the Circus. Attractive views to the green hills beyond were deliberately created.



Aerial view of the Circus and Royal Crescent

The town-planning in Bath became a model for other cities in Britain and beyond. If you want to find out more about how Bath was designed the Museum of Bath Architecture has more information: <https://museumofbatharchitecture.org.uk/>

Town planners today have lots of considerations when designing a new town. What buildings are needed and where should these be placed? How will people move around the town and use the spaces? Is there green space? How can the design be as environmentally responsible as possible?

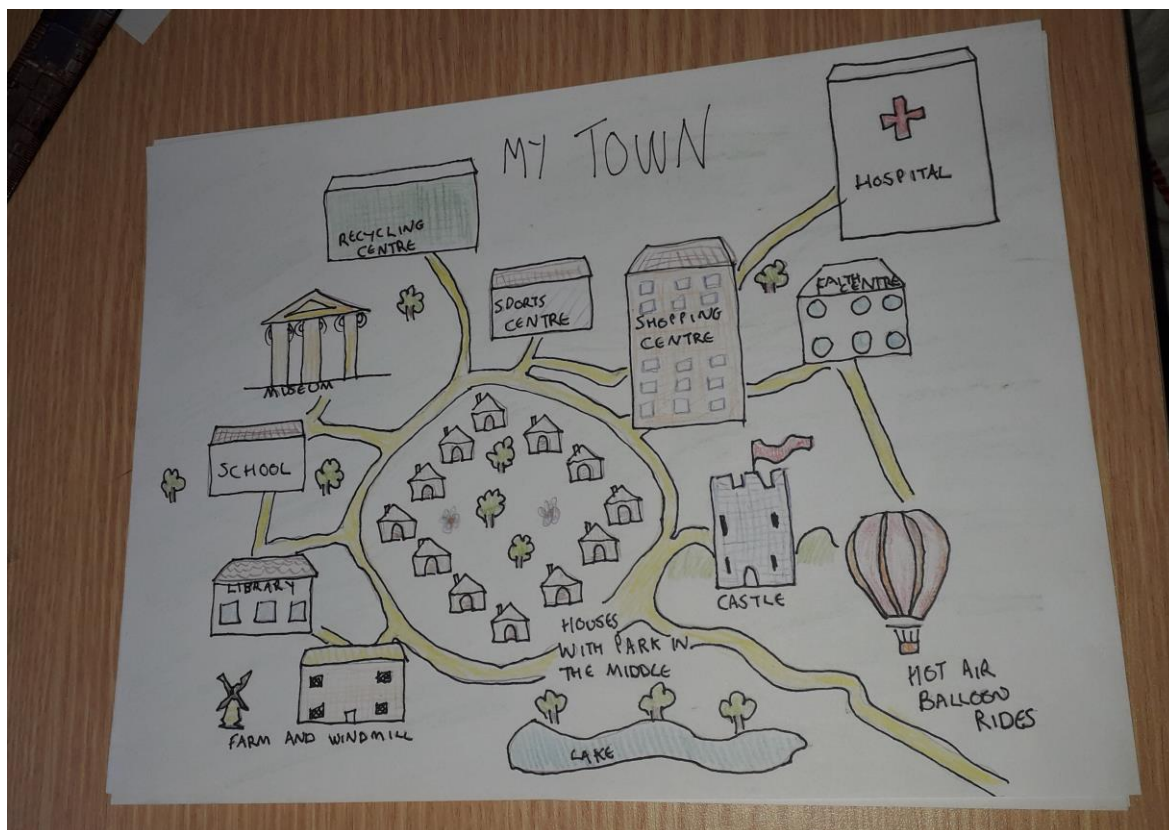
Activity – Design your own town

Have a go at designing your own town. You may like to draw it out on paper, make a collage with pictures from newspapers and magazines, use Lego or building blocks, or even model it.

You may like to think about:

- How will people get about?
- What will people do for exercise?
- Where will people learn?
- What types of places make people happy?
- What places do you like to visit?
- Where will people meet?
- What things are good for the environment?

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We would love to see and hear how you got on.