

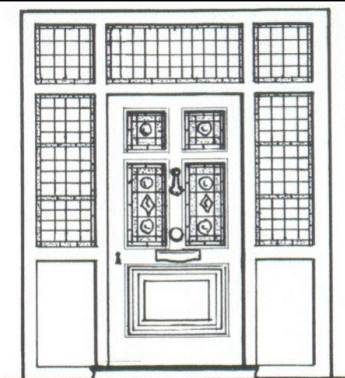


Detective Trail

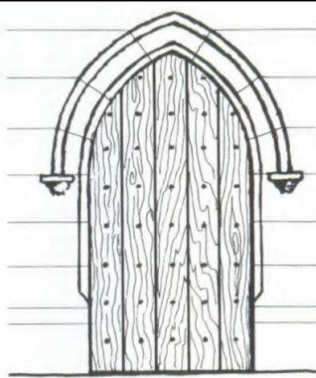
This trail is designed to give you tips and tricks for finding out more about Brancepeth Village. You can choose to walk around in any order and complete tasks wherever you think is the best place. Although there are spaces to write your thoughts on this trail, you might want to bring a notebook to make some sketches and write down anything interesting you see! If you are completing this trail with some very young helpers, any adults can help make most of the activities work for them too, or we have specific activities under “**Early Years Fun!**”

Doors of Brancepeth

Find Below are some drawings of doors from different time periods. Which time period do you think the doors in Brancepeth houses look the most like? Circle the time period you think is most common.



1880



1300



1960



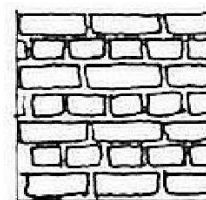
1990

/ Draw

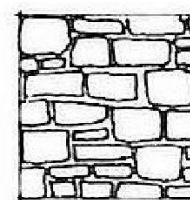
Draw the oldest door you can spot in Brancepeth. Who might have used this door in the past?

Building Material

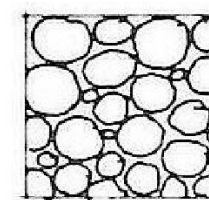
In Brancepeth there are lots of different building materials – here are some examples:



Brick



Stone



Flint/cobble

Find

Can you find one building made with each type of material?

Early Years Fun!

- Touch the walls that you can see. How many words can you and your adults use to describe them? Is it hot or cold? Rough or smooth? Spiky or slimy?
- Take some paper and some crayons – can you make a rubbing of the walls with some help from your adults?
- Count! Pick one stone wall. How many stones can you see?



✏ Write On the left is a picture of a wall in Brancepeth. The two sides of stone look quite different to each other. Why do you think this is? Are they the same age, or different? Have the buildings been looked after differently to each other? Use your detective skills and the clues around you to work it out!



Early Years Fun!

Using any items you can collect, try to build your own house or den!

How strong can you make it? What materials are best to use?

You might use some of these things or think of your own!

twigs | sticks | leaves | stones |

/ Draw

If you were going to make a plaque to describe your own house, what would it say? What would it look like? Draw it here.

You might want to include:

How old the house is | Who built it | Why it is special

✏ Write 🔍 Find

On some of the buildings in Brancepeth there are 'plaques' – words which tell you a bit about the building and when it was made. Can you find the building in the photo above? Write down what it tells you. Are there any other plaques in Brancepeth that have helpful information for building detectives?



St. Brandon's Church

Write / Draw

St. Brandon's Church had a fire nearly 22 years ago. What evidence can you find of this fire? It might be a black mark on stonework, or maybe some of the windows look newer than the rest of the building? Write your thoughts here, or draw what you find.



Find This house has lots of different parts to it!

- 1.) Which part is the oldest? Talk to your group – if you have different ideas, take a vote!
- 2.) How many different types of building materials can you see? Remember this includes the walls, windows, roof and more! Circle the answer you think is right.

2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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- 3.) What different shape windows can you see in this house?

Brancepeth Castle

The Castle was first built in Brancepeth in the **13th Century**, and changed a lot in the **19th Century**. What century do we live in now? Ask the adults with you for help.



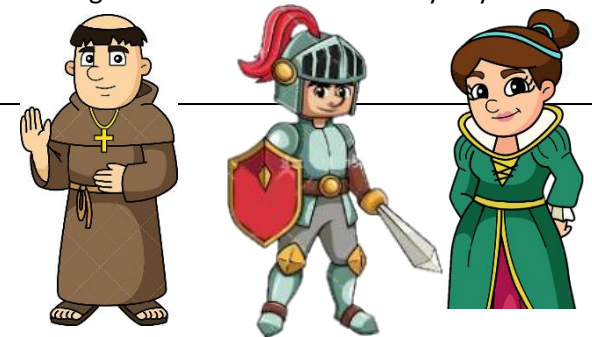
Write When you have worked out our current century, how long ago was the Castle first built? Each Century is 100 years. How long ago was it changed?



Draw On the next page there is a picture of Brancepeth Castle in the snow. Walk around the Castle. Can you work out where this view is? We've taken away some of the picture. Can you draw it back in for us?

You might want to improve the Castle! What changes would you make to the Castle? Talk about it with your group.

Early Years Fun! Below are some characters from when the Castle was first built. Choose the best place for them in the picture. You might like to draw them in. Maybe you could make up a story about them!





When you get home...

My house – Buildings archaeology

You might not realise it, but during this trail you have been working as an archaeologist! There is a type of archaeology where you dig in a field, which you might have seen on the television. But there is also a type of archaeology that looks at buildings that are still standing! That's what you have been doing today – buildings archaeology.

Archaeology is all about trying to find out about **people** through the **things** that they leave behind them.

Thinking about archaeology, can you be a detective and answer these questions about your own house? History is not just a long time ago – some things may have changed during your own lifetime! Have any of the following things happened?

- Redecoration or replacement of fittings (new paint, new curtains, window blinds)
- Extension (conservatory, attic conversion)
- Repairs or replacements (new windows, broken roof tiles fixed, new front door)
- Renovation (new bathroom or kitchen)
- Change of use (play room becoming a study, spare room becoming nursery)

How would a buildings archaeologist be able to spot these changes? Would they be able to spot all of these changes? If you walked back around Brancepeth Village tomorrow, would you be able to work out all of these changes?



Young Archaeologists' Club

There are some brilliant activities online for you to do at home, all about archaeology and history! They can be found here: <https://www.yac-uk.org/things-to-do>

Find out about Brancepeth

There are a lot of questions about Brancepeth that you might decide to answer. See if you can be a detective and find out the answer to some of these using the internet – or maybe you know someone who has lived in Brancepeth for a long time who might be able to help?

- **Who has owned the Castle over time? Were these families famous for anything else?**
- **When did the railway and train station get taken away from Brancepeth? Why did this happen?**
- **What are the oldest buildings in Brancepeth, and what are the newest?**
- **Are there any rules about what changes you can make to some of the buildings in Brancepeth? Look on this website for ideas:**
<https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/>