

How has the local area changed?

Where is Grace Mary Primary School?

- 1 Tividale is a district in Sandwell.
- 2 Sandwell is a borough in the West Midlands.
- 3 The West Midlands is a county in the UK.
- 4 Grace Mary Primary was built in 1959. It is rumoured to have been built by a local miner who named the school after his two daughters.

Key Vocabulary

1	Redevelopment	When an area of land is no longer needed for one purpose, it can be changed and used for another purpose.
2	Industry	Companies and activities involved in the process of producing goods for sale.
3	Business	A company that buys and sells goods and services.
4	Population	All the inhabitants of a particular place.
5	Colliery	A coal mine and the buildings and equipment associated with it.
6	Coal Mining	The process of extracting coal from the ground or from a mine.
7	Quarry	A place, typically a large, deep pit, from which stone or other materials are or have been extracted.
8	Rowley Rag	A volcanic stone mined in quarries of the Rowley Hills.

What happened in the Rounds Green Colliery?

- 1 The Rounds Green New Colliery was located on the slopes of the Rowley Hills.
- 2 On the morning of Tuesday 17th November 1846 there was an explosion at the colliery killing 19 men and boys and seriously injuring another 5.
- 3 The "doggy" (one of the supervisors) had to test the workings for gas in the morning before the men had started their shift. He would do this using a safety lamp.
- 4 The "doggy" was testing for gas when the men were already in the mine ready for work, and once detected the men were not immediately evacuated until the gas was removed.

Tividale over time:



1890s



1950s



2023