

Local History

Key Vocabulary

- **Recent** (adjective): Describing things that happened not very long ago.
- **Source** (noun): Where something comes from.
- **Primary** (adjective): Describing something that comes first.
- **Secondary** (adjective): Describing something that comes second.
- **Historical source** (noun): Something that gives us information about the past.
- **Primary source** (noun): A historical source that was created by someone who experienced the time firsthand. It is our first source of information.
- **Secondary source** (noun): A historical source that was not created by someone who experienced the time firsthand. It was created about a primary source, so it is a second hand source of information.
- **Cloisters** (noun): A rectangular, open space covered by walks. They are found in monasteries, churches and old collages.
- **Past** (noun): Gone by.
- **Present** (noun): Existing or occurring now.

Gorton Monastery through the ages

Gorton Monastery was built in 1872, as many people moved to the town to work for the railways. The monastery was run by Belgium friars. The Monastery was used for services and to help the community.



The Monastery closed in 1989 as the Engineering Works closed and people moved out of the area. The Monastery became a derelict ruin.



In 2005, lottery funding and local volunteers helped to repair the monastery. It is now used for weddings and concerts.

