

Walkden High – Transport Questions

By looking at the photographs in the ‘transport’ folder, say which of these statements are true, which are false and which we would need to know more information about. Put a tick in one column and then add a few words to explain your answer. You could tick more than one column if you think something might be true/false but we may also need some more information. Some have been filled in already to help to show you how you could do this.

| Statement | This is likely to be true – say why | This is likely to be false – say why | We would need to know more information – say what |
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| Buses used to be pulled by horses | | | |
| Electric trams first came to Walkden in 1906 | | | |
| When electric trams came to Walkden, people stopped using horses | | | |
| Electric trams were popular | | | |
| Trains used to be powered by steam | | | |
| Steam trains caused pollution | | | |
| The roads used to be quieter | | | |
| The pavements used to be wider | ✓ Yes – pictures 10 and 11 show that the pavements are wide | | To be sure that the pavements used to be wider, we would need to look at more modern pictures to compare the size of the pavements |
| There used to be a coal mine near the centre of Walkden | ✓ Yes – you can see it in the background in picture 14 | | |
| The first trams did not have advertisements on them | | | |
| Walkden has always been a busy town, full of traffic | | ✓ False, in some pictures there is no traffic at all, such as picture 6 | |
| The monument used to be on a roundabout in the middle of the main road in Walkden | | | |

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| The monument was moved because the roundabout caused too much traffic congestion | | | |
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Follow-up questions

What is the main change to the roads and transport in Walkden over the last 100 years?

What things have stayed the same in Walkden?

Which one photograph is the most useful to a historian to tell us about the history of Walkden? Explain your answer

Which one is the least useful to a historian? Explain your answer.