

Meriden Now and Then - Now

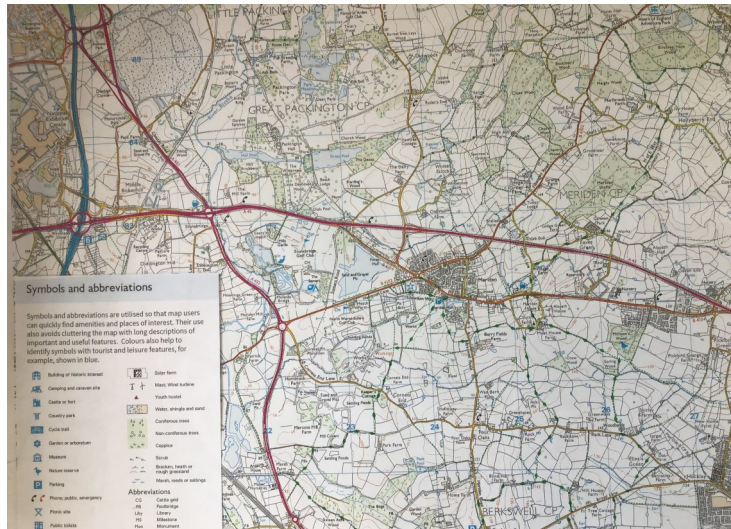
Prior Learning: Children have already learned about maps and drawn their own simple maps. They will deepen their knowledge in this topic and compare Meriden with a contrasting place.



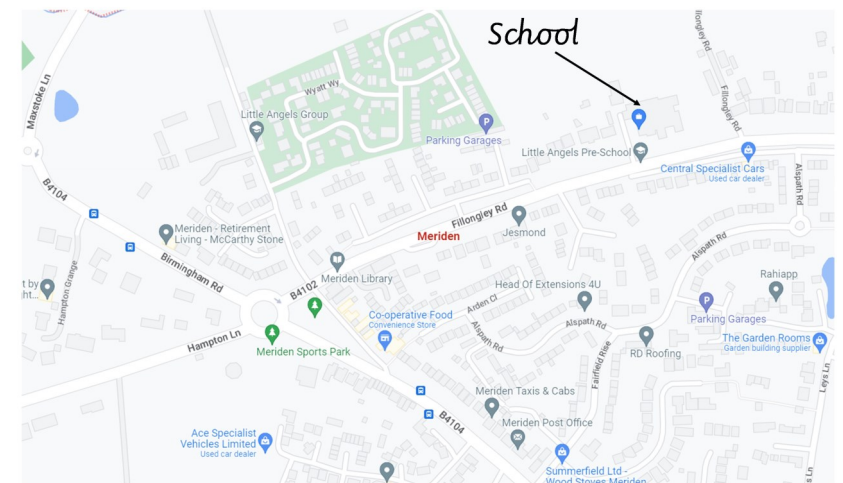
The United Kingdom

The United Kingdom is made up of Northern Ireland, England, Scotland and Wales.

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Ordnance Survey Map of Meriden



Google Maps Map of Meriden

Key Vocabulary:

Meriden	physical feature
village	tourism
county	climate
United Kingdom	weather
England	amenities
Scotland	terraced
Wales	detached
Northern Ireland	semi-detached
human feature	

Meriden is in the **West Midlands** in **England, UK**. Meriden is near Coventry and Birmingham. It is situated in a green space between Birmingham and Coventry called the 'Meriden Gap'. Meriden is a **village**. Meriden has many houses, but also has several local **amenities**. The church in Meriden is on a hill. This is a **physical feature**. The area has lots of green space and wooded areas. There are shops, including a post office, and a playground. These are **human features**.

We will be comparing Meriden with **Tulum**. Tulum is in Mexico, in central America. It is a historic, coastal town. Tulum has a strong tourist industry, owing to the Mayan ruins that visitors flock to see. The weather in Tulum is nearly always warm, owing to how close it is to the tropics.

