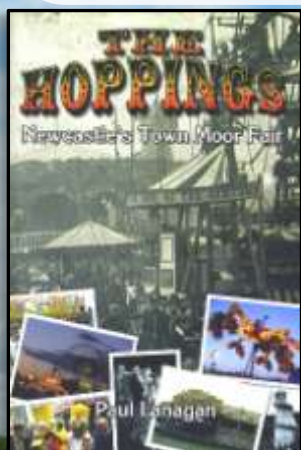


TOWN MOOR FAIR SCHOOL

MANY VISITORS TO the modern day Hoppings fairground are often surprised to see the 'Town Moor Fair School' sign when they enter the Moor at the Forsyth Road gate. But the sign is correctly placed, as the Hoppings HQ cabins are used as classrooms for the travelling children during the day, before doubling up as mess rooms for the police and St John Ambulance while the fair is in operation.



The school was founded in 1991 by Maureen Bowman, a traveller support teacher. The temporary school is open for the duration of the fair and is now organised by Newcastle Ethnic Minority, Traveller and Refugee Achievement Service. Thirty-four children attended in the first year; nowadays attendance is in the region of eighty children.



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FROM SMALL BEGINNINGS

1991 - The Town Moor Fair School was founded by teacher Maureen Bowman, when she asked Albert if she could come for an hour to mark the showchildren's work. This took place for two mornings during the fair week. The school went from strength to strength and soon became an established part of the Hoppings.

1992 - The Town Moor Fair School was open for 6 days. 62 pupils attended on the first day.

1999 - The Town Moor Fair School was organised by Alisdair MacKenzie, Education Welfare Officer, and a Newcastle teacher. Diane Barlow got involved as a traveller teacher from Northumberland.

2001 - The Fair School was organised by John Braithwaite and Diane Barlow.

2002 - Diane Barlow made modifications to the organisation of the Town Moor Fair School, as attendance had increased with lots of younger pupils. Extra help was provided by volunteers from Northumbria University and Gosforth High School.

2003 - John Braithwaite and Diane Barlow organised the Fair School. Paul Lanagan first visited the school as part of his research for a Town Moor Fair book, but ended up returning each year with greater involvement.

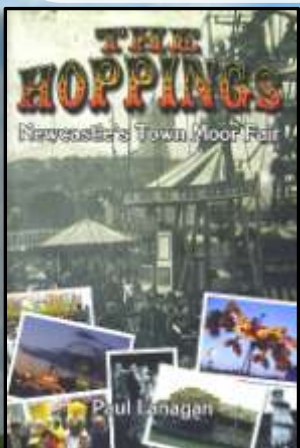
2004 - Supply Teacher Bob Day got involved with the Fair School and introduced more physical and practical activities to the proceedings.

2005 - Diane Barlow retired as organiser of the Fair School.

2006 - Sarah Edgar, from Newcastle Ethnic Minority, Traveller & Refugee Achievement Service, became teacher in charge of the Town Moor Fair School.

2009 - The Lord Mayor of Newcastle, Councillor Michael Cookson, visited the Fair School and gave out certificates to the children on the last Friday. Later in the year, on November 24th, he hosted a tea party at the Civic Centre as a thank you for all the organisers and volunteers from the school.

2010 - For the second year, the Mayor of Newcastle visited the Town Moor Fair School and gave out certificates of achievement.



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