

Fact Sheet Number 11.

The Halifax Zoo

The following information should start you on your journey into the past

“There are few places offering such a combination of scenery, wholesome entertainment and interesting side- shows in Yorkshire”

Halifax Evening Courier

The Halifax Zoo & Amusement Park opened on 29th May 1909 on what is now Chevinedge Crescent, Exley

The opening of Halifax Zoo and Amusement Park with its collection of exotic birds and animals from around the world provided a novel form of entertainment.

The first group of people were admitted more than one hour before the advertised opening time - and with trams running from Halifax to Salterhebble every two-and-a-half minutes, the masses continued to arrive. As a tram came thundering down Salterhebble Hill an elephant which took part in the opening ceremony was alarmed and bolted, frightening the crowds before stumbling and falling over.

Create the atmosphere at the bottom of Salterhebble Hill as the elephant runs off

Use Adobe Audition to create the atmosphere using sound effects and a commentary.

Refer to worksheets on using Audio equipment