

Ilam Cross Teachers' Notes

There are various places to find out about Ilam Cross, but the below is a quick access guide for teachers and group leaders:

Gothic revival

The Gothic Revival was a style of building in the Victorian era that was inspired by Medieval architecture. Many monuments and buildings from the Gothic Revival were designed to be beautiful and romantic, and often not designed to be long lasting. Many had very detailed carving. The Houses of Parliament were built in the Gothic Revival.

Safe water

When Ilam Cross was built water was not always clean or disease-free, so a source of fresh water in the centre of the village would have been very important for Ilam villagers.

Industrial wealth

Ilam Cross was built at a time when Britain was wealthy from industry. There were many factories making all kinds of things, generating money for rich merchants.

Restoration process

Restoring a building or monument can mean repairing it, cleaning it or adding new parts based on the original. All three have been done to Ilam Cross.

Local importance

Many people have a place or building that is near where they live, which they consider important. Ilam Cross is important to many local people.

Discussion points for children and young people:

Why was Ilam Cross restored? Do you agree that it should have been?

Why might Ilam Cross be important to local people?

Can you think of a building near your home which many people would consider important?

