



The History of Diversity in the Local Area



Woking has grown to be one of the most diverse towns in the South East, with wonderfully varied cultures present and a huge number of different languages spoken by residents.

Key Knowledge

The Shah Jahan Mosque



- Built in 1889 by Dr Gottlieb Wilhelm Leitner
- The first purpose-built mosque in the UK and Northern Europe.
- The only grade 1 listed Mosque in Great Britain
- Capacity for 600 worshippers
- It was built by a Jewish linguist, planned by a Christian architect from Guildford (William Isaac Chambers) and paid for by a princess in India (Begum Shah Jahan, from where the mosque gets its name).

Woking Muslim Burial Ground Peace Garden



- The original Woking Muslim Military Cemetery was opened in 1917 by the British Government
- 19 Muslim Indian soldiers connected with WW1 were buried there and a further 8 connected with WW2.
- It was listed in 1984 by English Heritage as a Grade 2 structure
- Has undergone recent restoration and The Peace Garden was officially opened on Thursday 12 November 2015

Brookwood Cemetery



- In 1852, land in Woking was purchased to build a cemetery. Work began immediately on an area of 350 acres at Brookwood.
- In 1902 a 2.5m high brick wall was built around it and that survives today.
- The cemetery is listed as a Grade I site in the Register of Historic Parks and Gardens.
- In 1854, Brookwood was the largest cemetery in the world (it is no longer).

Pte Harold Brown, Queen's Regiment, Royal West Surrey



Lucean Arthur Headen, local inventor in the early 1900s



Brookwood Cemetery	A cemetery in Woking. It is the largest cemetery in the United Kingdom and one of the largest in Europe.
Culture	a word for the 'way of life' of groups of people,
Diversity	Understanding that each individual is unique and different
Ethnicity	the cultural practices, customs, and traditions that are learned and shared by a group of people—including language, nationality, heritage, religion, dress, and customs
Fatima Nelson	Lady Hamilton's maid. (Lady Hamilton was a wealthy landowner in Surrey in 1800s)
Immigrant	Someone who has moved to a new country, with plans to live there permanently.
Listed building	A building celebrated for its special architectural and historic interest,
London Necropolis	Another name for Brookwood Cemetery
Lucean Arthur Headen	An African American inventor in Camberley
Multi-cultural	Made up of several different cultures
Pte Harold Brown	One of the Queen's (Royal West Surrey) Regiment, a Black soldier from Surrey in the First World War, who was awarded the Military Medal.
Population	the number of living people that live together in the same place.
Restoration	To return something to its original condition
Shah Jahan Mosque	The first purpose built mosque to be built in the UK and Northern Europe.
Significance	Important
Woking Muslim Burial Ground Peace Garden	A peace garden to remember people who have died