

1837

The new Houses of Parliament are built.

1856

According to law, every county now has to have its own police force.

1840

The first postage stamp, the 'Penny Black', is used.



1852

The first postbox is built.

1842

The Mine Act means that children under 10 can no longer work in underground coal mines.

1864

Children under 10 can no longer work as chimney sweeps.

1851

The first free public library opens in Winchester.

1851

The Great Exhibition runs from May to October in London.

1901

Queen Victoria dies and Edward VII becomes king.

1840

Queen Victoria marries Prince Albert.



1856

The Crimean War ends.

1896

The speed limit for horseless carriages (early cars) is raised from 4mph to 14mph.

1878

Public places in London are given electric lighting for the first time.

1876

Alexander Bell invents the telephone.



1871

Queen Victoria opens the Royal Albert Hall.



1859

Charles Darwin's 'On the Origin of Species' is published.

1861

Prince Albert dies from typhoid.

1838

'Oliver Twist' by Charles Dickens is published.



1870

Schools are built for children aged 5-10.



1838

Slavery is abolished in the British empire.



1872

The first FA cup final is held.



1839

French artist Louis Daguerre introduces the world to photography.

1876

Queen Victoria is declared empress of India.

1880

The Education Act makes school compulsory for all children.

1881

The first home with electric lighting is built.



1844

The Factory Act means that children between 8 and 13 no longer have to work over 6½ hours a day.

1840s

Britain's railway network grows until most town and villages have a rail connection.

1838

Queen Victoria is crowned at age 18.

