



Key Vocabulary

Word	Meaning
Congestion	When something is blocked/crowded, causing difficulty.
Consecrated	To make something holy and able to be used for religious ceremonies.
Doomsday Book	The oldest surviving public record.
Hamlet	A small settlement without a church.
Industry	The manufacture of goods in factories.
John Betjeman	An English poet laureate who narrated the famous Metroland video.
Metroland	Suburban areas, North-West of London, served by the Metropolitan Line.
Navy	The men who built the Metropolitan Line.
Urbanisation	A population shift from rural to urban areas.
Sanitation	The providing of clean drinking water as well as a sewage system.
Slums	An overcrowded area inhabited by the poor.
Suburbia	An area outside of a city but within travelling distance.

The evolution of the Pinner we know today:

Pinnora - Early Years:

- 1086 – Pinnora was referred to as a 'park of wild beasts of the forest' in the **Doomsday Book**.
- 1231 – Pinner was one of the ten medieval hamlets of Harrow Manor. It was a **Hamlet** made up of farms and farm houses.

The problem of the ever-growing City of London:

- At the census in 1801, London's population was 1 million people.
- By 1900, London's population had grown to 6 million people.
- Within the city, the slums were overcrowded and insanitary living conditions were rife.
- To accommodate London's population growth, the city had to expand outwards.
- Road conditions were poor and the only public transport was by horse drawn bus. Something else needed to be done!

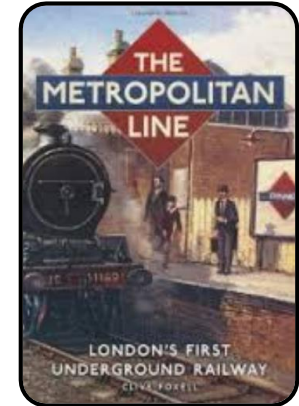
Pinner – in more recent years:

- In the early 20th century, with the coming of the Metropolitan Line, Pinner developed into one of London's **suburbs**.
- In 2022, the population of Pinner is 19,000.



The Metropolitan Line - The first steam underground railway in the world!

The Metropolitan Line



Why was the 'Met-Line' built?

- It was built to ease **congestion** and to clear the slums within Inner London.
- The hope was that it would improve the quality of life for some people.
- The arrival of the railway line supported the development of **Suburbia**.
- The Metropolitan line helped to influence and shape the area we all live in today.

Extending your learning

1. Visit the Amersham Museum to take a look at the Metroland Exhibition.
2. Whilst traveling along the Met-Line, take time to notice the land use changes between inner London and the suburbs.
3. Watch the video about Metroland commentated by John Betjeman <https://www.dailymotion.com/video/x5i3sp7>