

FIND THE STORIES IN OUR CENTENARY MURAL

Can you find illustrations that represent these key moments from the last 100 years?
Some may be trickier to spot than others!

1. Edith Morley, pioneering professor and women's rights activist

2. Meteorology & climate science research

3. Student activism across generations

4. Pollinator & biodiversity research

5. The historic Whiteknights landscape flora and fauna

6. Cole Museum of Zoology collections

7. Herbarium & plant science collections

8. Lady Eve Balfour, organic farming pioneer

9. Park House, recognised real ale venue serving locally brewed beers

10. RAG Parade, the student fundraising tradition with elaborate costumes

11. Ure Museum, important collection of Greek pottery & archaeology

12. School of Art, the first UK Fine Art MA

13. Huntley & Palmers biscuits, collection housed at the University

WHICH DECADE DO THESE MURAL MOMENTS BELONG TO?

1920s - 1930s - 1940s - 1950s - 1960s - 1970s - 1980s - 1990s - 2000s - 2010s - 2020s



The Wolfenden Report is published, playing a pivotal role in the decriminalisation of homosexuality in England and Wales and taking its name from University of Reading Vice-Chancellor Sir John Wolfenden, who chaired the committee on Homosexual Offences and Prostitution



The University's Special Collections archive is established, bringing together rare and significant collections to support research, teaching and scholarship across disciplines



The Department of Typography is founded, later becoming internationally recognised for its pioneering research and excellence in design education



The International Cocoa Quarantine is established at the University of Reading, supporting global plant health, biosecurity and agricultural research



The "absolute unit" MERL meme goes viral, originating from a 1962 photograph of a large Exmoor Horn ram held in the Museum of English Rural Life collection



The University of Reading is awarded University of Sanctuary status, recognising its commitment to inclusion and refuge for displaced and vulnerable communities



University of Reading scientists receive recognition for their contributions to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), which was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for climate science



Whiteknights Park is purchased, enabling the relocation of the University's main campus from London Road and forming a 134-hectare Green Flag award-winning landscape rich in biodiversity



The University of Reading is granted its Royal Charter, formally establishing it as a university and marking its foundation as an independent higher education institution



The student newspaper The Shell (later The Spark) is launched, establishing a long tradition of student journalism and creative voice