

Back in Time - 38 - Whit Walks

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We have acquired three more photographs of very smartly dressed people walking along Ellesmere Road. I am fairly certain that this was part of a Whit Walk in the early 1900s. Whit Walks were very popular during this period in the Manchester area. There are photographs of the Whit Walks in and around Eccles where the crowds viewing the walks were six to eight deep on both sides of the pavement. Our photographs may not be the Whit Walk itself, but they could be residents returning from a Whit Walk in Eccles.

I have included the two photographs you have seen before, "Ellesmere Road Crossing Westminster Road 1" (Back in Time 1) and "Ellesmere Road Outside Granville House 1" (Back in Time 6). The photograph "Ellesmere Road Outside Granville House 2" is from a postcard with a franked date of 1904 (month not known) so this photograph must be at least pre 1905.



Ellesmere Road Crossing Westminster Road 1



Ellesmere Road Crossing Westminster Road 2



Ellesmere Road Crossing Westminster Road 3



Ellesmere Road Outside Granville House 1



Ellesmere Road Outside Granville House 2

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