

BARNARDO'S

'In Victorian times, it was not uncommon for newborn babies to be abandoned outside orphanages, hospitals or even the homes of upper-class folk. Their poor, desperate mothers hoped their children would be taken in and given a better life than their birth families could provide.

However, it was hard to imagine a worse start in life for this baby than at Wormly Hall: Home for Unwanted Children.

Twenty-six orphans lived there, all crammed into a room that should have slept eight at the absolute most. The children were locked up, starved and beaten.' (pages 25 – 27)

Life in the Victorian times was tough for many people, especially orphaned or abandoned children. However, not all homes were as bad as Wormly Hall. Thomas John Barnardo is famous for devoting his life to helping children in poverty.

TASK: Research the Barnardo's charity using the Internet. Then answer true or false to the statements on the next page.

<https://www.barnardos.org.uk/who-we-are/our-history>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/true-stories-thomas-barnardo/zky7pg8>

BARNARDO'S TRUE OR FALSE

STATEMENT	TRUE	FALSE
Thomas John Barnardo was born in Dublin in 1888.		✓
In the 1800s, one in five children died before their fifth birthday.		
In 1867, Barnardo set up a 'ragged school' where children could get a free education.		
Jim Jarvis took Barnardo on a luxury holiday to Paris.		
In 1870, Barnardo opened his first home for girls.		
After an 11-year-old boy died because the home had no spaces, Barnardo vowed never to turn another child away.		
Many Victorians saw poverty as shameful, and the result of laziness.		
In 1873, Barnardo opened his first home for boys.		
Barnardo died in 1905.		

