



Queens Market, August 1984. Image courtesy of Newham Archives and Local Studies Library

Newham heritage fact: Queen's Market

The first market in West Ham was a Tuesday market in 1253! Now Newham's most well known market is Queen's Market which is over 100 years old. It was originally on Green Street but moved next to Upton Park Underground Station in 1904. The first stall holders were Jewish traders from Whitechapel selling vegetables and clothes.

You can buy a range of goods including fish, meat, new clothing and costume jewellery and at the Sunday Market you can find second hand items.

One of the market's most famous traders is Muhammad Shahid Nazir, known as the £1 Fish Man who became famous for singing about cheap fish and appeared on the television programme The X Factor.

Answer the following questions.

1. What day of the week was the first market in West Ham?
2. What did the traders from Whitechapel sell?
3. Write three things you can buy at the market.

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True or False.

4. The Sunday Market only sells new things.

True

False

5. Muhammad Shahid Nazir is known as the £5 Fish Man

True

False

Finish the sentence.

My favourite place to shop for vegetables is

Discuss with a partner.

Tell me about the markets in your country.