



4 - The Diggers move to Little Heath

Watch the video and see if you can find the answers to these questions. Make a note of your answers in the space below.

1. In what month were the Diggers removed from St. George's Hill?

2. After they were removed from St. George's Hill, where did the Diggers go?

3. How many acres of land and houses did the Diggers build in Little Heath?

4. How did the Diggers publicize their message to a wider audience?

5. Was Parson Platt an ally or an enemy of the Diggers?

6. What did Parson Platt do to the Diggers?

7. Where did the Diggers' opponents meet to discuss ways of expelling them from their parish?



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8. Did all the locals oppose the Diggers?



9. Where did two Diggers get arrested when seeking out help from other communities?





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ESSAY QUESTION

In the spring of 1650, the Diggers suffered a blow which finally forced them out of their settlement. Gerrard Winstanley wrote about it in the pamphlet *An Humble Request to the Ministers of both Universities*:

'(...) Thereupon at the Command of this Parson Plat, they set fire to six houses, and burned them down, and burned likewise some of their housholdstufte, and wearing Clothes, throwing their beds, atooles, and housholdstufte, up and down the Common, not pittying the cries of many little Children, and their frighted Mothers, which are Parishioners borne in the Parish (...)'

Gerrard Winstanley, *An Humble Request to the Ministers of both Universities*, 1650.

How reliable do you think this passage is as a historical source? What do you make of Winstanley's tone and what do you think his intention was when writing this?