



NORTHFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY
BURNED TO THE GROUND.



NORTHFIELD *Revealed*

Suffragette Action

On the night of 12th February 1914, Northfield Library was destroyed by a major fire. The fire was believed to be the work of militant suffragettes as a note with the slogan "Give Women the Vote" was found at the scene. A parcel containing a book by suffragette Christabel Pankhurst, with the inscription "to start your new library" was also found nearby.

Suffragettes

A little over 100 years ago the law did not allow women in the UK to vote in any elections. Many women and men joined organisations that worked to change this law. Some of those campaigning for the right to vote used direct (and occasionally violent) acts to highlight their cause. These people became known in the newspapers and across the country as Suffragettes. In 1918 the hard work of all the organisations involved was rewarded when the law was changed and women over 30 years old could now vote. Suffragettes wore sashes and badges with the words *Votes for Women* on. Their colours were green, white and purple.



Design your own sash and badge for a suffragette to wear.
What words would it say? What colours would you use?

