Ballymacarrett
*Ballymacarrett* (Bal **- mic-Airt - ‘Town of the Son of Art’) is the old Irish name for East Belfast and refers to Art O’ Neill of the clan O’Neills.

Castlereagh Road
*Castlereagh Road* (An Caislean Riabhach - ‘Grey Castle’) This ‘grey castle’ was the home of the O’Neill Clan who at one time owned all the land from Ards through Clandeboye and Castlereagh to Ballymacarrett.

Bloomfield & Orangefield
These names were given to the area by the De Beers family and most likely derive from their Flemish roots.

Bloomfield was the name given to their family home which stood where the Bloomfield Roundabout is now situated.

Orangefield was the name of their Estate in Europe which they fled from during the purge against the Protestants by Louis 14th of France in the 1640s.

Cregagh Road
*Cregagh Road* (An Chreagaigh - ‘The rocky place’) At one time the Cregagh Road was a small village at the entrance to the Glen.

The Classics
Trigo, Pommern, Donovan, Grand, Cameronian, Ladas, Orby and Cicero are all local streets named after horses that won an English Classic.

East Bread Street
East Bread Street was named after a large bakery that stood at the old Connswater Bridge.

Flower power
The streets that line the river at the Beersbridge are all named after flowers; Mayflower Street, Heatherbell Street, Flora Street and Foxglove Street. It is most likely because they were built on land that was formerly plots for market gardens.

Lissnaharragh
The townland of Lissnaharragh (Lios na Seairbh - ‘Fort of the foals’) lies between the area of Orangefield and the Cregagh Road.

The area took its name from an ancient Irish ring fort that stood there at one time.

Victoria Park
Victoria Park, Victoria Gardens and Victoria Road, are all named after Queen Victoria who reigned from 1837- 1901.

Owen O’Cork Mill
The derivation of this unusual name is open to speculation. It may come from the Irish Owen meaning ‘river’ and Cork, or corcach meaning ‘a marsh’, translating as ‘the marshy river mill’. Alternatively, it may derive from Abhainn Coirce, the ‘oat mill at the river’.

Holywood Arches
This area was the site of the old Holywood Arches railway bridge which was built in the mid-19th century. This carried the Belfast and County Down Railway Company trains. Tribute to the area’s history can be found in the curved roof of the library and the black arches outside the library.

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