

Vivienne Westwood

Vivienne Westwood was born in a little town called Tintwistle. At school, she stood up for outsiders, especially a young boy whom bullies nicknamed 'Dirty Edward'. Vivienne had always been interested in clothing and design so she decided to study fashion and jewellery.



Making a living as an artist proved to be difficult, so Vivienne pursued a career in teaching. She enjoyed it, though her head and heart were elsewhere. She met a rebellious young man called Malcolm McLaren and together they opened a shop on Kings Road, where they mixed rock 'n' roll with fashion in an all-new way.



Vivienne was extremely creative and loved to take apart old clothes from the 1950s to create new designs. She would rip up pieces of clothes before fixing them with safety pins. Her style was as loud and chaotic as the new sound in town: punk. After spending a few years with Malcolm, Vivienne thought that it was time to go her own way and said goodbye

to him. She became an activist against climate change and started making clothes that were built to last. She is campaigning against climate change to this very day.