

The Stone Trade in Swanage

Before the tourists came most people relied on the stone trade or fishing for their livelihood. Look on the information boards and other displays to find the answers to these questions.

Q. What are the 2 main types of rock quarried around Swanage?

A. _____

Q. Name some of the things that they may have been used for.

A. _____

Some of the rock was quarried underground. Shafts were dug and the stone cut into blocks and moved up the shaft.



Q. What animal helped move the stone?

A. _____

Q. What is the name of the wheel that had to be turned to move this very heavy stone up the steep slope?

A. _____

The stone was moved on wagons down to the **bankers**.

Q. What and where were the bankers?

A. _____

Some of the stone was cut at the bankers into items for sale. There are some on display in the museum.

Q. What are they?

A. _____

Here is a picture of some of the tools that were used to cut the stone. Find them in the museum.



Q. How do you think they were used?

A. _____

The stone was needed in many places in Britain. Some went to London to be used as paving. Some went to be used to build important buildings. It had to be taken by sea in ships called ketches. A large picture behind the desk shows how the stone was moved from the bankers to the ketches.

Q. How did they move the stone out to the deeper water where the ketches were?

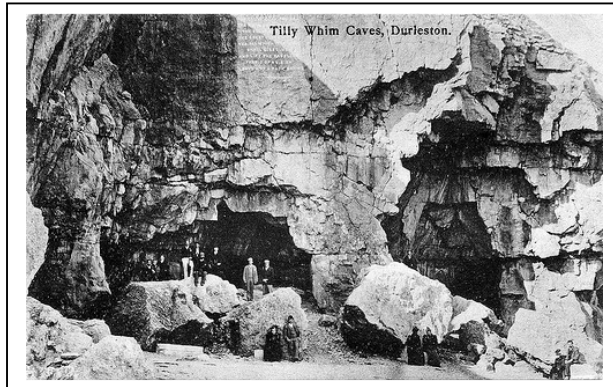
A. _____

Sometimes the stone was moved to the end of the pier and then loaded onto the ketches. There is a clue outside the museum to how this was done. Have a look on the way out.

Q. How was it moved?

A. _____

Not all stone was quarried in this way.



Q. Where else was the stone quarried?

A. _____

Q. How was the stone from these cliff quarries moved to the ketches?

A. _____

Two men were very important to the growth of the stone trade in Swanage.



Q. What are their names?

A. _____

John Mowlem was born in Swanage.

Q. Where did he go when he was 17 and what did he do?

A. _____

His nephew George Burt took over from him. He brought buildings and items from London and used them in Swanage.



Q. Name some of these things:

A. _____

Draw a picture of some aspect of the stone trade in Swanage which you found interesting or find out some more facts to share with your class when you get back to school.