

Extra information...



The Leighton Buzzard Railway

Teachers Notes

- Introduces the Leighton Buzzard Railway and its role in the history of the local sand industry
- Introduces petrol, diesel and steam engines

Fieldwork Information

- Visit the Leighton Buzzard Railway (see contact details)

Follow-up Ideas

- Study the features of the town that have historically been used to aid transportation of sand and other bulk goods, for example the canal and the railways

Sandpit kit Links

- Town maps

Curriculum Links

HISTORY

- Local history studies
- Changes in industry and transport including steam power and the growth of railways

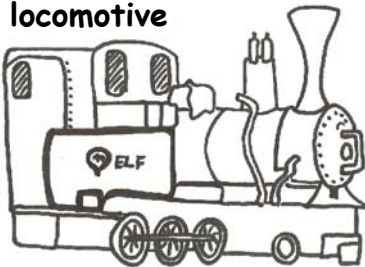
QUARRIES - The Leighton Buzzard Railway

The Leighton Buzzard Railway is an important part of the history of the local sand industry. Complete the 6 sentences below by crossing out the wrong ending.

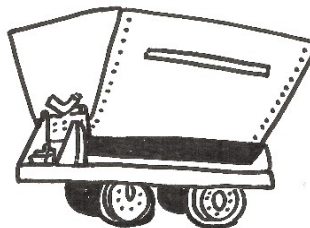
1. Railways were built to transport sand out of quarries *or liquorice allsorts*
2. Sand was moved by horse and cart on roads until it caused too many potholes *or the horses got too old*
3. The Railway moved sand from the quarries to the main-line railway and the canal *or the Town Hall and fire station*
4. The Leighton Buzzard Railway was built in 1066 *or 1919*
5. The railway tracks are narrow gauge which means the rails are 2 ft (61cm) apart *or 2ft (61cm) off the ground*
6. Nowadays, the Leighton Buzzard Railway doesn't move sand but carries vegetables to Sweden *or carries people between Pages Park and Stonehenge Works*

Have a look at the pictures and the paragraph below. Fill in the gaps using the words at the bottom to find out more about the Leighton Buzzard Railway.

Elf the steam locomotive



A skip wagon



Beaudesert the diesel locomotive



Steam trains were not often used to move because it would get into the working parts and caused the trains to break down.

Instead petrol and powered locomotives were used.

The sand was loaded into skip to be pulled by the locomotives.

All types of locomotives are used today to pull carriages for to ride in.

people sand wagons diesel

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