

Steps through Learning Geography: Our Local Area

Vocabulary that I will learn and use during this unit of work

Economic trade imports
exports settlements commercial
residential industrial climate zones
streams topography flora
fauna upland lowland

Sticky knowledge about our local area

- The River Avon (Shakespeare's Avon) begins in Northamptonshire and flows through the towns of Rugby, Warwick, Stratford-upon-Avon, Evesham, Pershore and Tewkesbury where it joins the river Severn
- The Avon in Warwickshire stretches for 85 miles
- Shipston-on-Stour was historically used as a stopping place for stagecoaches and as a sheep-washing market town
- It's name was originally in old English: 'Sheep-wash-town'!
- Farmers would come to the wash their sheep before selling the animal or its wool to make money
- Shipston developed many wool-based skills, including making tapestries.
- The nearby hamlet of Barcheston created the Sheldon Tapestries and was the first manufacturing home in England for the weaving of tapestries in the Tudor period
- As the demand for wool fell, in 1836 a horse-drawn tramway line was established between Stratford-upon-Avon and Moreton-in-Marsh
- Steam trains began to use this line in 1889 for passengers until 1929 and final closure of the line in 1960

