

# Steps through Learning

## History: Local history - The Shipston wool market



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

medieval century  
victorian past long ago

market fair trade  
industry wealth  
shearing carding combing  
spinning knitting weaving  
textiles tapestry  
stagecoach inn

Shipston on Stour River Stour  
Cotswolds Coventry



Sticky knowledge about the Shipston wool market

In medieval times, sheep were herded through the narrow alleyways to the market square.

The sheep came from local farms in the cotswold hills and were washed in the River Stour.

Shipston means "sheep wash town".

Markets were very important in medieval times and in 1268 a weekly sheep market began in Shipston.

Each June a three day sheep fair was held, trading sheep. This carried on until 1800.

Shipston was a centre for the wool trade and industry for many centuries.

Shearing, carding, combing and spinning were all important skills.

Knitting and weaving were used to turn the wool into clothes and textiles.

Wool was used to make beautiful tapestries.

Shipston was a very important stopping place for Stagecoaches from 1600 to 1800 and there are many coaching Inns in Shipston.

Whilst Shipston relied on wool for its wealth, in the Victorian times, Coventry was a centre for ribbon weaving.