

## What's Beneath Your Feet?

### Inclosure Resource Pack

#### Introduction

Welcome to Gloucestershire Archives' Inclosure Resource Pack for schools. The Heritage Lottery Fund has supported this resource.

The resource focuses on inclosure, a movement that fundamentally changed how land was organised in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. Inclosure was concerned with restructuring land into larger holdings, and bringing common land and wastes into private ownership. Inclosure had far-reaching consequences, affecting how people lived and worked, how they farmed and what rights of access they had to the countryside.

The resource is mainly concerned with the Georgian period, although inclosure carried on until the early 20<sup>th</sup> century in some areas of the country, including Gloucestershire. However the 'peak' period for inclosure was during the Georgian times, particularly the end of the 18<sup>th</sup> and the beginning of the 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. The 'peak' period covers what is known as the Regency – a time during the Georgian period when the Prince Regent (1762-1830), ruled in place of his father George III (1738-1820), who was felt to be unfit to be King because of ill-health. The Prince Regent, who later became George IV, ruled from 1811 until 1830 (from 1820 as King).

The Georgian period is an intriguing time in history, a time of extreme change, when rapid industrialisation, wars with France and disruption in the countryside, set in motion the wheels of the modern world. By studying this period, pupils will have a greater understanding of how society developed in the Victorian era and the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

The resource is very much a Gloucestershire resource – an ideal framework with which to teach the Key Stage 2 History local study topic. It draws upon real maps and documents held at Gloucestershire Archives.

The resource has been developed in partnership with Woolaston Primary School, Woolaston Gloucestershire.

## Links to the National Curriculum

The resource supports the Key Stage 2 History curriculum, in particular the local study topic. The resource is structured around seven different activities:

- Reading an Inclosure Map
- Georgian costume
- Chain surveying
- Role-play
- Inclosure Map walk
- Local Guidebook
- Writing a Georgian letter

The resource is cross-curricular, incorporating: Literacy, Numeracy, Geography, ICT, Drama, Citizenship and Art & Design. Please refer to the individual activity templates, the curriculum spider gram and the extension activities for further information.

The resource has been designed to be 'hands-on', with pupils taking an active approach to learning. It has also been designed to appeal to a variety of different learning styles, for example: intrapersonal, linguistic, mathematical/logical and visual and spatial. In this way it is anticipated that the resource will interest a wide cross-section of learners, with activities involving physical activity, investigative work and group discussion.

## Contents

- Activity templates, curriculum links and extension activities
- Background Information
- Glossary
- Examples of pupils' work
- Four reproduction costumes c1815 for pupils to try on
- Two surveyor's chains from the **Gloucester Folk Museum** collection
- Reproduction surveyor's cross
- Books on the Georgian period
- Power Point about inclosure
- Images
- 'Georgian' writing equipment

In addition a suitable inclosure map, local to your school's area is provided as part of the resource. This can be a paper-based or CD version. Please contact Gloucestershire Archives for more information.