

Henley History: a Sense of Place

Object Descriptions - Travel to Henley



Horse Shoes



These horse shoes are made of iron. They may have come from horses that pulled the stage coaches through Henley. Keeping a horse well shod was very important; without a shoe the horse would go lame very quickly.

Horses played a key part in travel before the twentieth century, whether it was to pull the stagecoaches, pull the canal barges along the river from the towpath or working on the land.

Farmers, blacksmiths and ostlers all depended on the horses for their living.