

Henley History: a Sense of Place

Object Descriptions - Travel to Henley



Surveyor's Cross



Early mapmakers had very similar instruments to the ones we use today. They used trundle wheels to determine distances and measured in chains, furlongs and miles, using triangulation methods to locate places accurately in relationship to each other.

This is a surveyor's cross. It would have been mounted on a staff and a site reading taken between two points. A third place would then have been measured in relationship to the other two, using the compass to determine direction and angles.

This staff is made of brass on a wooden base.