



Find out about the work people did in the past

Go to the Trades and Crafts Exhibition

In the past children worked from a very young age and carried out tasks such as fetching water from the well. The boy in the picture is pouring water into a container which is tied to the donkey. The container is made with wooden staves held together with iron hoops. Can you see one like this on display?



These containers were made by a Cooper

What work do you do to help out at home?

Now go to the Hearth & Home Exhibition.



It was the woman's job to make butter. Cream was collected from milk and poured into a dash churn. Butter was an important part of what the family ate and was sold at the market for money. Butter churns were also made by a Cooper.

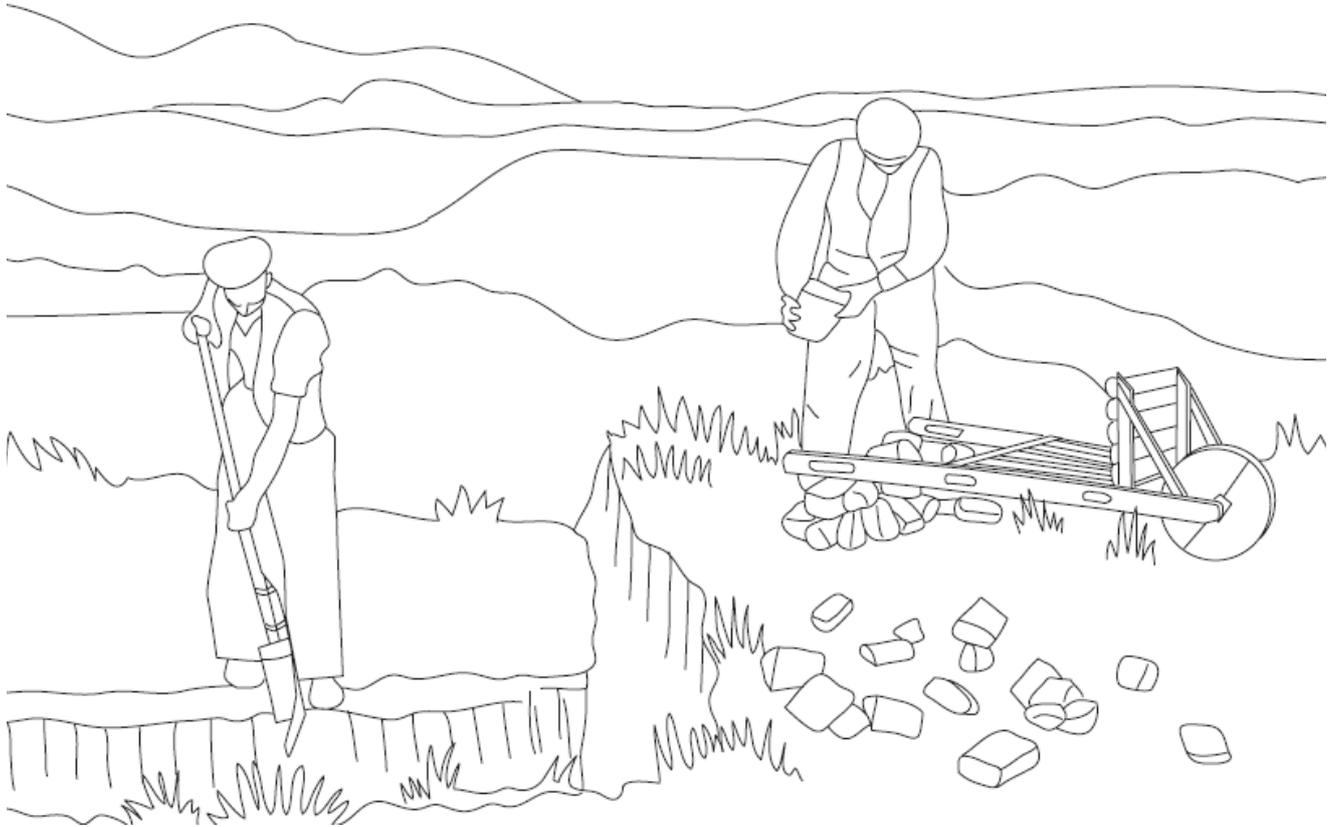
Look around you. What other jobs do you think women did in the past? Name two.

There's a butter churn you can touch in the Calendar Year Display on this floor.

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Now go to the 'Working on the Land' Exhibition
Can you see the display of turf cutting?



In some areas turf for the fire is still cut by hand, using a special spade called a slane. Cutting and saving the turf was a hard job carried out by all the family. In the past the fire was very important. It was used for heat, light and for cooking before people had electricity and gas.

What fuel do you use at home for heating? _____ for cooking? _____

for lighting? _____

Can you see the turf barrow on display? Does it look a bit like anything you have at home?

_____. What other carts can you see here?

What other jobs on the land do you think children might have helped with? Look at some of the other exhibitions on this floor to find out.

If you enjoyed this activity, you might like to do some more colouring at home. The museum colouring book is available from the bookshop.