



What's My Job hands-on activity

This activity involves participants in:

Sorting and matching objects commonly used in different trades and professions of the late nineteenth and early twentieth century.

Participants have to group objects with the same photograph attached and then guess what that person might have done for a living, based on the objects.

Eg Sydney Pyke – a blacksmith and wheelwright, has a forge tool, a horse shoe, etc; this provides the opportunity to handle real objects and draw conclusions.

This activity links with looking at the objects on display in the showcases and the panel 'Business Boomed', giving an understanding of some of the trades and professions carried on in York.



Tearoom proprietor – Mrs Pyke cup and saucer, sugar basin, teacloth

Blacksmith/Wheelwright – Sydney Pyke

horse shoe, hammer, rasp, piece of wheel spoke

Pharmacist - Gertrude Sargent, pestle and mortar, mock lozenge box, Fruit salts poster, invalid's feeding cup

General Store proprietor - Charles Edwards candles, wooden pegs, enamel plate and cup

Teacher – Miss Gleeson schoolbook, spectacles, inkwell, ink bottle

Bootmaker – Tom Bygraves *pieces of leather, boot polish brush, bootlace, waxed thread*

Haberdashery shop assistant – Mabel Smith threads, knitting wool, ribbon

Garage proprietor – Albert Noonan spanner, advertisement, oilcan