

## What can I find out about the Historic Gloucester Docks?

### Key Questions:

- Why and how was Gloucester Docks originally developed?
- What were the warehouses and quays used for at Gloucester Docks in the past?
- What jobs did the people have at Gloucester Docks in the 1800's and early 1900's?
- How has Gloucester Docks been regenerated and how is it used nowadays?



### Background information

**Gloucester Docks** is an historic area of the city of Gloucester. The docks are located at the northern junction of the River Severn with the Gloucester and Sharpness Canal. They are Britain's most inland port. The Ship Canal was opened in 1827 and allowed boats to bypass a particularly winding part of the River Severn, thus making Gloucester an Inland Port. At its busiest, the Docks would have been full of narrow boats, sailing ships, steam ships and barges.

### Key Vocabulary

**trade** the activity of buying and selling or of exchanging goods or services between people or countries

**docks** part of a port where ships are repaired, or where goods are put onto or taken off them

**quay** platform in a harbour where boats come in to load, etc.

**historic** important in history; likely to be thought of as important at some time in the future

**source** a person, book or document that provides information, especially for study, a piece of written work or news

**century** a period of 100 years

**significant** large or important enough to have an effect or to be noticed

**regenerated** to make an area, institution, etc. develop and grow strong again

**chronological** the arrangement of events or dates in the order that they happened.

