Talking Tees Valley Activity Pack

Locomotion No 1

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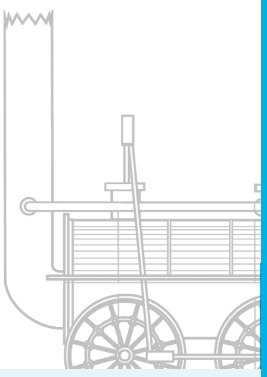
Welcome to the second edition of the Talking Tees Valley Activity Pack.

Each month we will use objects from one of our museums in the Tees Valley to take a closer look at the lives and stories from people in our area.



This month we take a look at Locomotion No 1 and its extraordinary life transporting goods on the Stockton and Darlington Railway

This engine is on display at Head of Steam - Darlington Railway Museum.

*Locomotion No 1 is on loan from the National Railway Museum.

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Locomotion No 1

Locomotion No 1 was built by George Stephenson and his son Robert to transport coal from the collieries in Durham to a port on the River Tees in Stockton. Its first journey was on 27th September 1825.

This painting is by John Dobbin. Hundreds of people turned out to watch this amazing new piece of machinery for the first time.

Many people were scared as they had never seen a train before.

Imagine what conversations they would be having. How would they be feeling? Shocked, scared, excited?

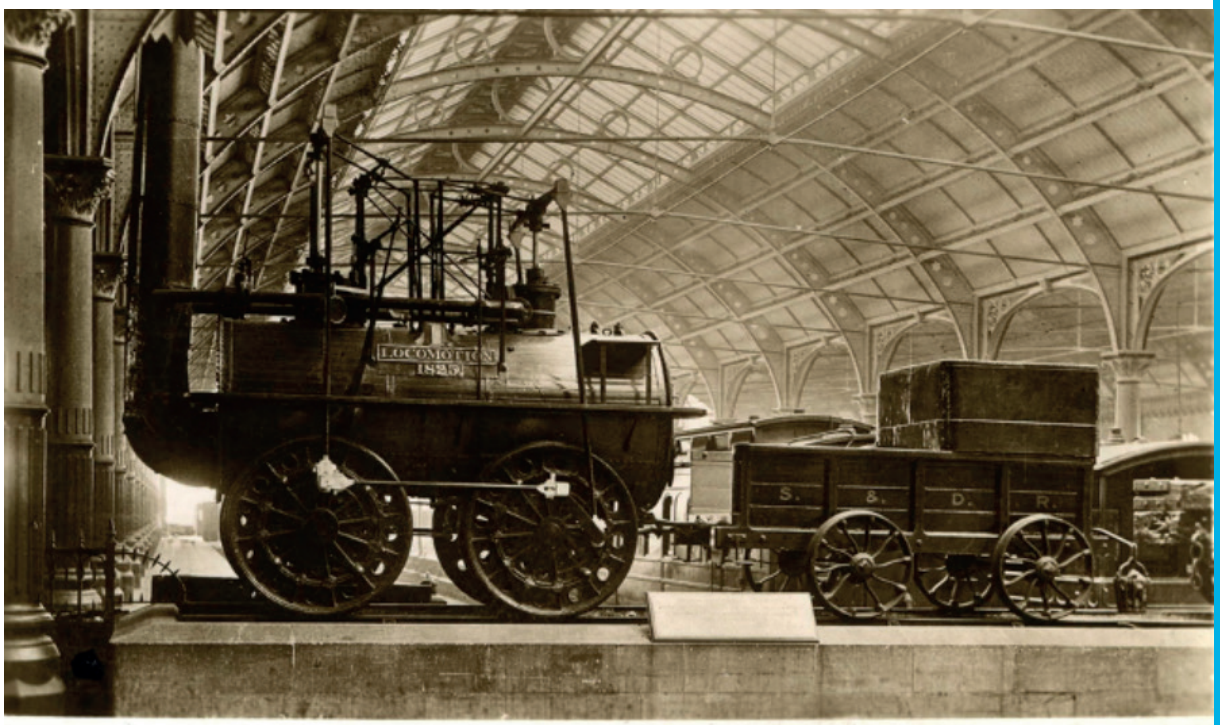
This photo shows Locomotion No 1 in 1925 for the 100th anniversary celebration. Notice how people are traveling standing up in waggons.

Can you spot the first class carriage with its roof?

Do you think this was a safe way to travel?

The locomotive itself didn't have any brakes! It was thought of as a horse and horses don't have brakes. So, they put the brakes on each of the waggons behind and each of these would have been operated by someone. But the locomotive only had a top speed of 12mph so didn't go too fast.

In 1828 Locomotion No 1 blew up and sadly killed the driver. It became outdated and retired from use on the Stockton & Darlington Railway in 1841. However, it was a celebrity engine and went on international tour until the late 1800s when it was put on permanent display at Bank Top Station, Darlington.



S.1802. ENGINE NO.1, DARLINGTON STATION.

Did you visit this at all?

Have you ever been on a steam train? What was it like?

Many people say Locomotion No 1 looks like a barrel on wheels. What do you think?

Have a go at our Locomotion No 1 themed wordsearch!

Locomotion No:1

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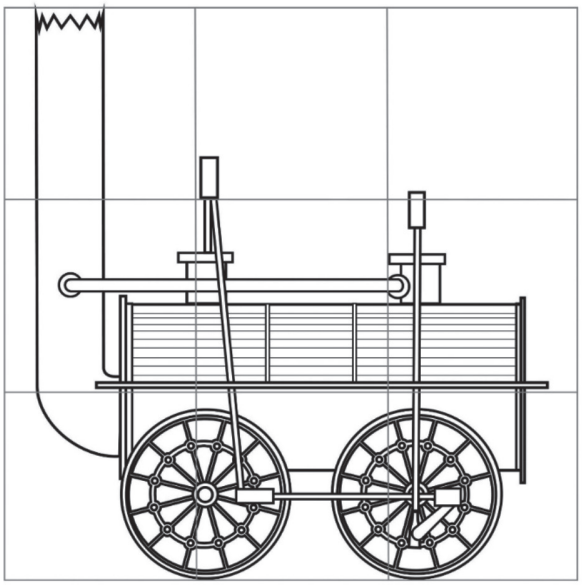
STEAM
ENGINE
DARLINGTON
STATION
LOCOMOTION
STOCKTON
RAILWAY
COAL
ONE
WAGON

Head of Steam – Darlington Railway Museum

In 1975 Locomotion No 1 moved to its new home at North Road Station which became a museum telling the story of the locomotive and the Stockton and Darlington Railway.

Locomotion has been in the museum ever since.

HAVE A GO!

Here is a drawing of Locomotion No 1.

Can you copy it square by square onto the blank grid?