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## Answers

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**Fishing could have been more dangerous due to storms, shipwrecks and exposure to the elements on the North Coast.**

### Castle

2. How is the first structure of Alnwick Castle different from the present form?

**The first structure was a motte (mound) and bailey (protected enclosure).**

### Border Reivers

3. What were Pele Towers, Bastles and Castles used for and how were they suited to this purpose?

**Bastles, pele towers and castles were used for protection against border attacks.**

**Pele Towers: 60 feet high, stone walls 10 feet thick, battlements, brazier.**

**Bastles: fortified farmhouse, stone, narrow windows.**

**Both: livestock in basement, accommodation on upper floor.**

### Freemen of Alnwick

4. What did the Leaping of the Well involve and when did it last take place?

### Leaping the Well involved:

**A race to the well for the initiation ritual, change into white clothing and cap, wade through well, race back to Alnwick.**

**The ceremony was last performed in 1854.**

### Alnwick Town

5. Make a list of items that were imported and exported in the 1400s

Imported
oats
peas
beans
Exported
wool
hides
fish
coal

From this, what type of land use do you think dominated the local area?

**Land use: pastoral.**

### People

6. Who was William Davison and why was he an important local figure

**William Davison was a nationally important printer.**

**He created a local newspaper, The Alnwick Mercury.**

### Questions

#### District

1. Which famous rescue took place off the North Sea coast using the local fishing boat, the coble?

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2. Border Reivers - Make a list of the items used as forms of attack and those used in defence.

Attack	
Defence	

Which do you think was the most important form to the Border Reivers and why?

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#### Freemen of Alnwick

3. The writing on the Freemen's seal is written backwards so that when used, the writing would read correctly.  
Try to write your name, age and school backwards.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

#### Town

4. Give four differences between the lemonade bottles on display and those of today.

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3. \_\_\_\_\_

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What was the intended use of the glass ball and can you think of an alternative use?

#### People

5. Find a compositing stick.  
What was the job of a compositor?

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Look at all the printing artefacts. How does printing today differ from printing in William Davison's time?

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6. Choose a favourite artefact from all of the displays. Explain why this is your favourite and make a sketch of it here.

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## Answers

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1. Which famous rescue took place off the North Sea coast using the local fishing boat, the coble?

**Grace Darling's famous rescue took place off the North Sea coast using the local fishing boat, the coble.**

### Border Reivers

2. Make a list of the items used as forms of attack and those used in defence.

Attack	
dagger	sword
canon	ball
breastplate	backplate
Defence	
helmet	cuirass

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**Display: glass, writing in glass, stopper, shape, thickness of glass.**

**Today: plastic, paper/plastic label, plastic screw top, shape.**

What was the intended use of the glass ball and can you think of an alternative use?

**The glass ball acts as seal for fizzy drinks. It can also be used to play marbles.**

### People

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**A compositor helped to lay out the blocks of type.**

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