



STORIES FROM THE SEA

SHIPWRECK OBJECTS



SHIP'S WHEEL

Date made

Undated

Object ref.

GRYEH : 1979.22

Credit

Great Yarmouth Museums

Description

This is the wheel from a ship, used for turning the rudder to steer. It was found on the sea-bed near Great Yarmouth in 1972. It is covered in barnacles and very worn. It has probably been on the sea-bed for a hundred years or more! We have no idea which ship it came from as there are hundreds of shipwrecks around Great Yarmouth.

Questions

1. What do you think happened to the ship, how did this wheel end up on the sea-bed, and what happened to the crew?
2. When you have decided what happened, turn your story into a play with your class.
3. Imagine you are lying on the bottom of the sea. Write a poem about the things you can see, smell, hear and taste.