



Fact Sheet Number 5.

The Gibbet

The following information should start you on your journey into the past

Markets occurred on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays: the main market was held on Saturday. These were busy and the spectacle of a beheading on the Saturday market - added to the numbers attending.

After conviction, the victim's fate depended on which day of the week he had been tried.

If it took place on a Saturday, he was immediately led to the market place and beheaded.

If it was a Monday, he would be kept for three market-days and then beheaded at the next Saturday market.

Each day he was taken out and placed on show to put others off. He often had the stolen goods draped around his shoulders, while stolen animals would be tied to him.

Create the atmosphere of the Halifax Market on a Saturday when an execution was about to take place

Use Adobe Audition to create the atmosphere at The Gibbet using sound effects and a commentary.

Refer to worksheets on using Audio equipment