

EXPLORING BUCKLEY MUSEUM *Family Activities*



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Buckley Museum tells the story of Buckley focusing on its important pottery and brick industries and the people they employed. The museum has a wide variety of pottery on display from the Bronze Age through to today, in varying shapes and sizes.

Each object tells a story but it is not always clear what some things are at first.

Can you...
Create a story about each object?

- Print or use template on [Activity Sheet 1](#) to write your object story.
- Think about:
 1. What is it made of?
 2. What might it be used for?
 3. What is special about it?
 4. What is it?
 5. Who made it?
- You can create any story you like. It does not matter if it is correct. Use your imagination!
- Once you have written your own ideas you can find out what the objects are on the bottom of [Activity Sheet 2](#).

Materials needed

- [Activity Sheet 1](#)
- Pencil/pen
- Paper



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2



3



4



5



6



MYSTERIOUS MEDIEVAL ANIMALS



Buckley Museum has many interesting pieces of pottery from thousands of years ago including Roman pottery and Medieval tiles. This pottery has been found under the ground so it is often broken with pieces missing and archaeologists have to guess what things are.

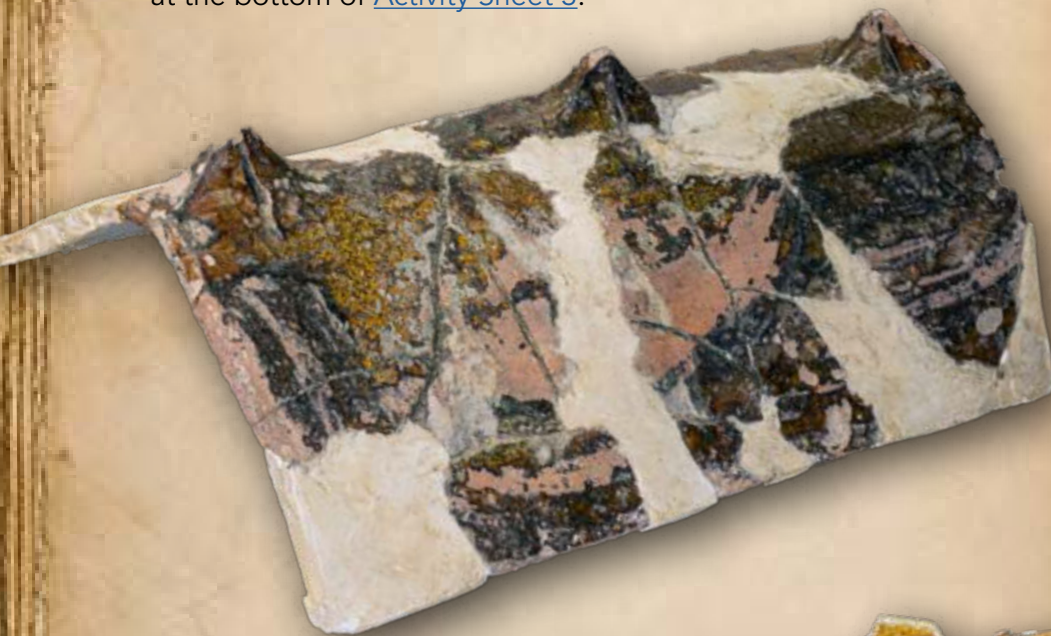
Archaeologists find clues about the past by digging in the ground. These special digs are called excavations. It is possible to find pottery, ancient tools, seeds, bones or the remains of buildings.

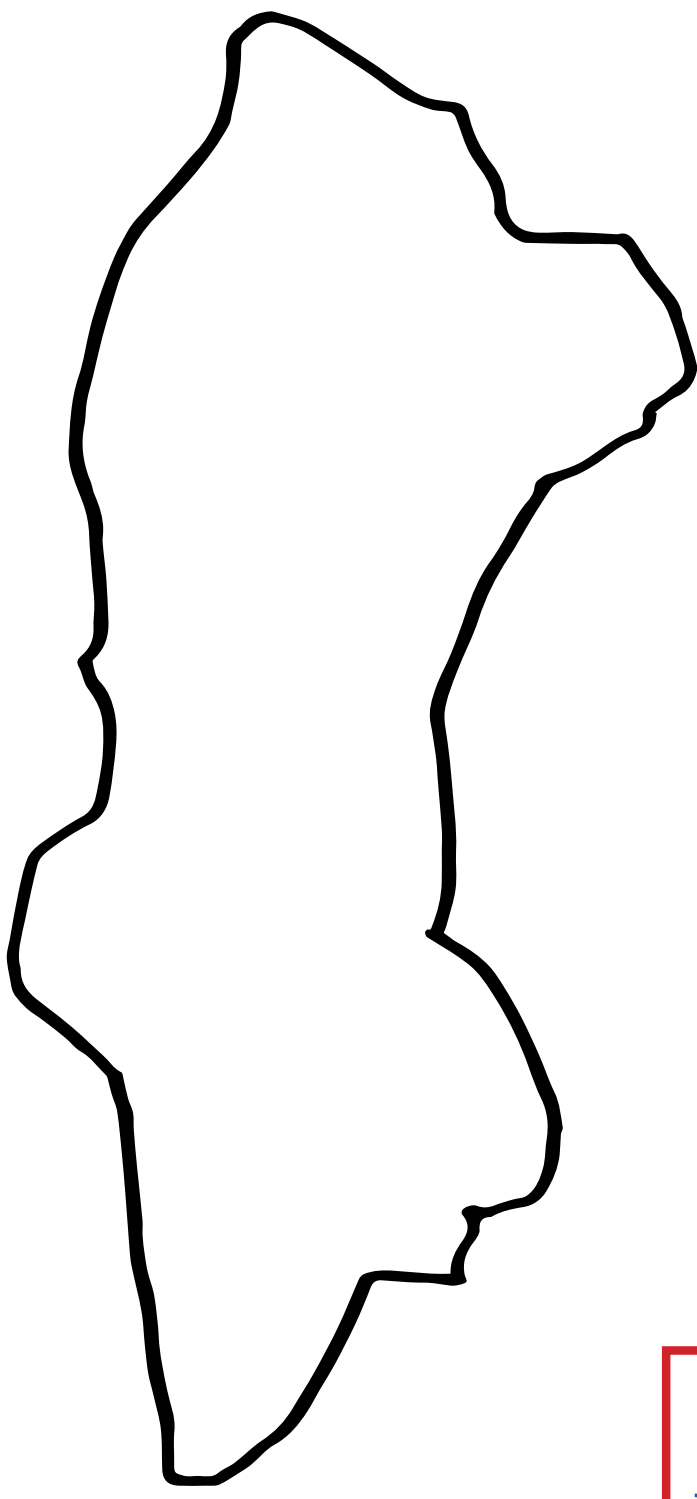
Can you...
Become an archaeologist?

- Imagine you are an archaeologist and you have found this broken tile decoration. The head of the animal has broken off.
- Print or use the template on [Activity Sheet 2](#) to draw the animal you think this is.
- You can use an animal you know or create your own mythical creature.
- Write a short story about your animal.
- Once you have your own ideas you can find out what the animal is at the bottom of [Activity Sheet 3](#).

Materials needed

- [Activity Sheet 2](#)
- Pencil
- Coloured pencils/pens
- Paper





Answers for Activity Sheet 1

1. Bronze Age Urn
2. Pepper Pot
3. Bird bath
4. Candle holder
5. Furniture Rest
6. Dish for salting pork

POTTERY DESIGNERS



Buckley Museum is filled with a wide collection of pottery from pieces used in the home such as jugs and bowls, to pottery created as money boxes and novelty decorations.

Can you...
Become a pottery designer?

- Use the types of pottery list (below) to choose the type of pottery you want to design.
- Use the templates on [Activity Sheet 3](#) to design your own pots.
- What colour would it be?
- What patterns would it have on it?
- What would it be used for?

Materials needed

- [Activity Sheet 3](#)
- Pencil
- Coloured pencils/pens
- Paper

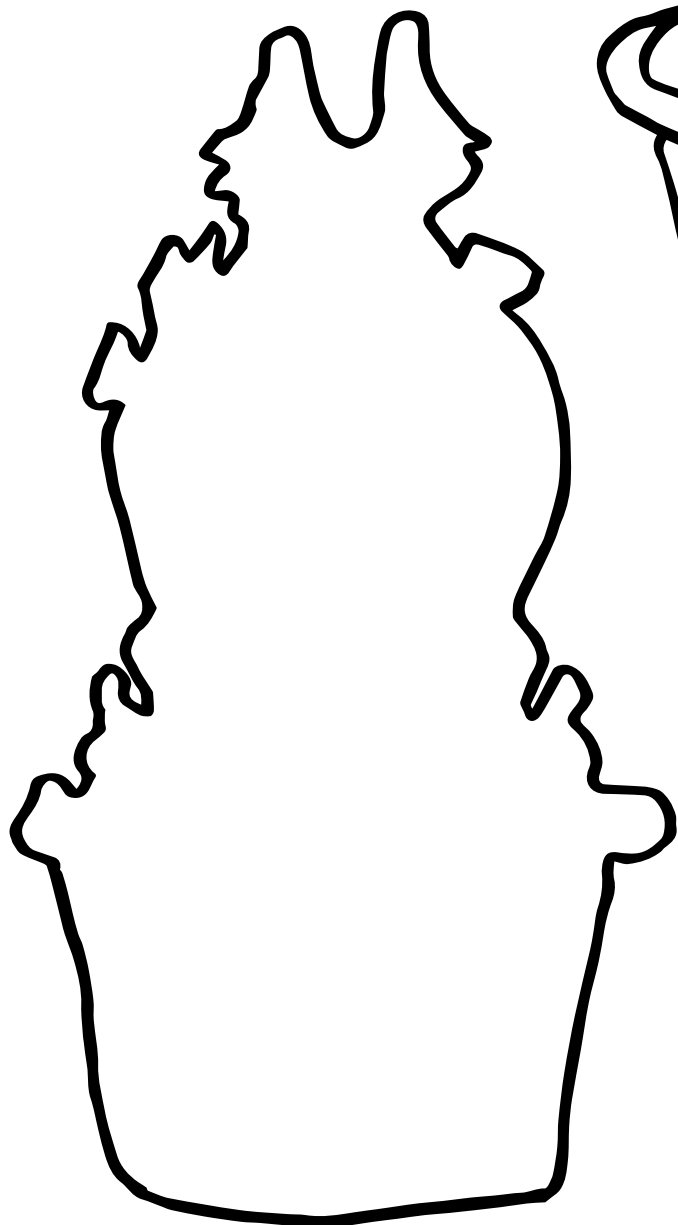
Types of pottery

Coarse domestic ware: This type of pottery was used in the 19th and 20th century. It was used in the kitchen, dairy and around the house. This would have included jugs, bowls, basins, colanders and storage vessels. These were made with a lead glaze over the top to make them look red.

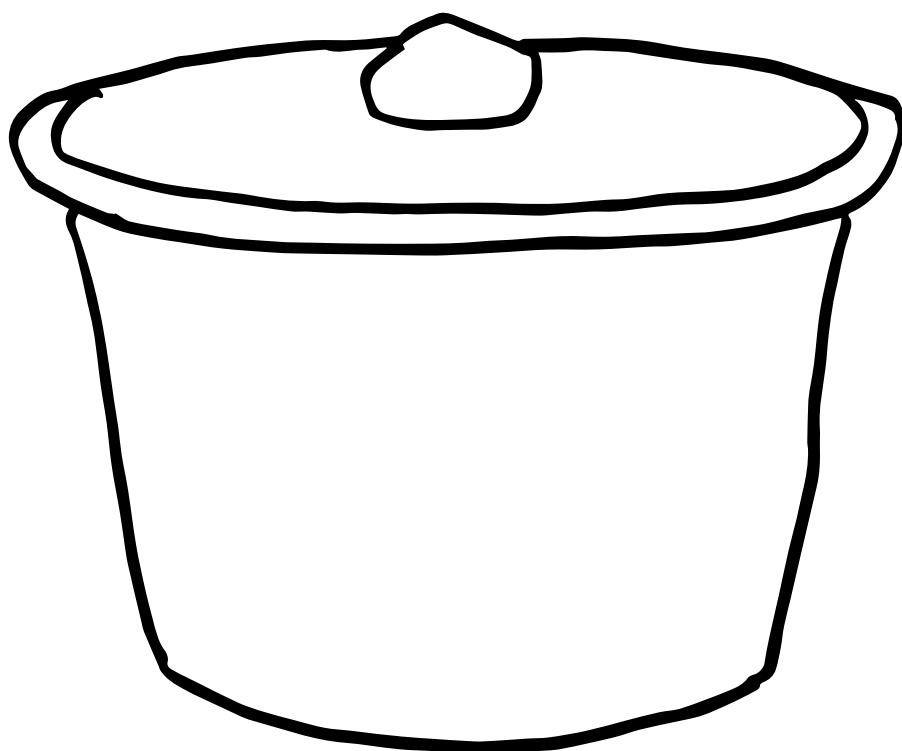
Rustic ware: This pottery was designed to look like tree trunks and small clumps of clay were added to make the pot look like it had branches.

Novelty pottery: This type of pottery was popular in the late 1800s. They were usually multi-layered money boxes with chickens on top for decorations or puzzle jugs with detailed designs.





Novelty pottery



Coarse domestic ware



Rustic ware

Answer for Activity 2

Lion



SGRAFFITO MESSAGES

Sgraffito decoration was a technique of applying liquid clay over a pot and then scratching through the clay to reveal a message underneath.

Can you...

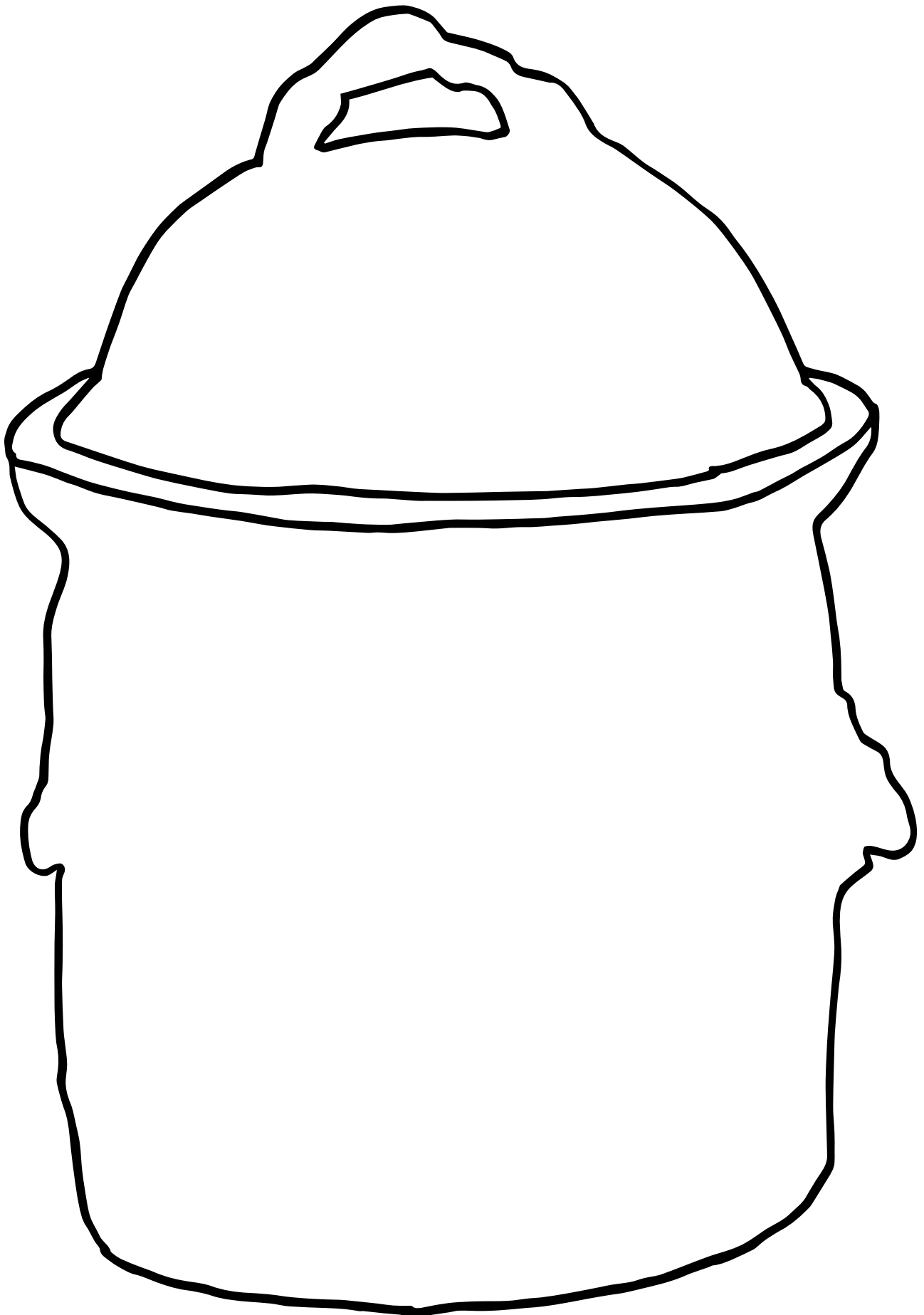
Create your own Sgraffito designs?

- Draw your own pottery design or print the Template on [Activity Sheet 4](#)
- Use crayons to colour your pot.
- Using a black crayon cover over your coloured pot so the surface is all covered in black.
- Choose a message you would like on your pot and using a pencil or cocktail stick scratch through the black crayon and write your message, revealing the colours underneath.
- If you do not have any crayons write your message and colour your pot around your message.

Materials needed

- [Activity sheet 4](#)
- Crayons (you will need a blue or black crayon)
- Coloured pens/pencils
- Pencil
- Paper
- Cocktail stick (optional)





HORSE DRAWN TRAMS



Once the pottery was made it needed to be transported from the different potteries around the country. It was originally moved using tramways and carts pulled by horses. Later this was replaced by the railway and steam trains.

Can you...

Make your own horse drawn tram?

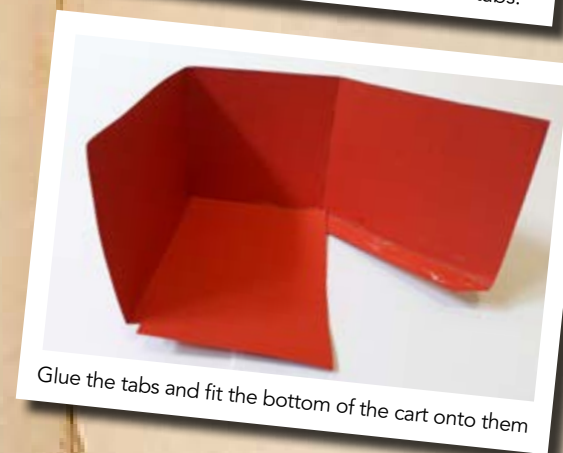
- Print out [Activity Sheet 5](#).
- Cut out (if you have printed on paper use as templates, draw round the shapes onto card and cut out).
- You will need 12 wheels in total so will need to cut extra circles.
- Decorate your horse and carts.
- Glue your two horse bodies together leaving the legs (This helps your horse stand).
- Fold your carts along the lines including the tabs.
- Glue the tabs and fit the bottom of each of the carts onto the tabs.
- Stick on four wheels to each cart.
- Attach the two reins from the front of the horse to the first cart.
- Use extra strips of paper/card to attach the second cart to the first and then the third cart to the second.

Materials needed

- [Activity sheet 5](#)
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Coloured card
- Coloured pens/pencils
- Glue



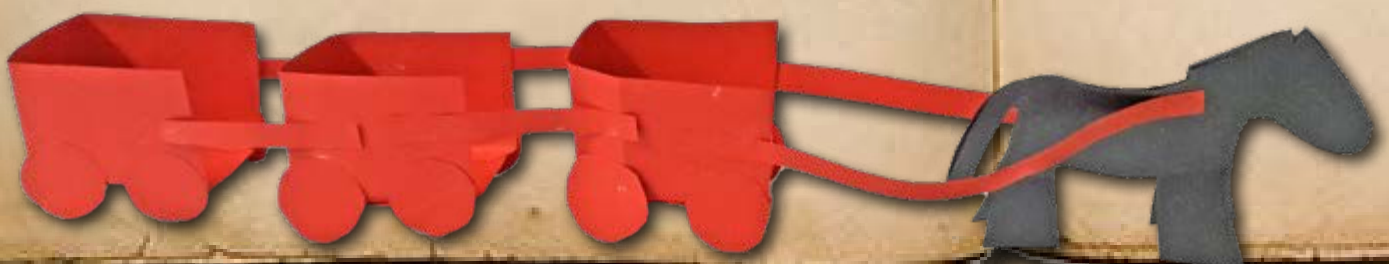
Fold your cart along the lines including the tabs.

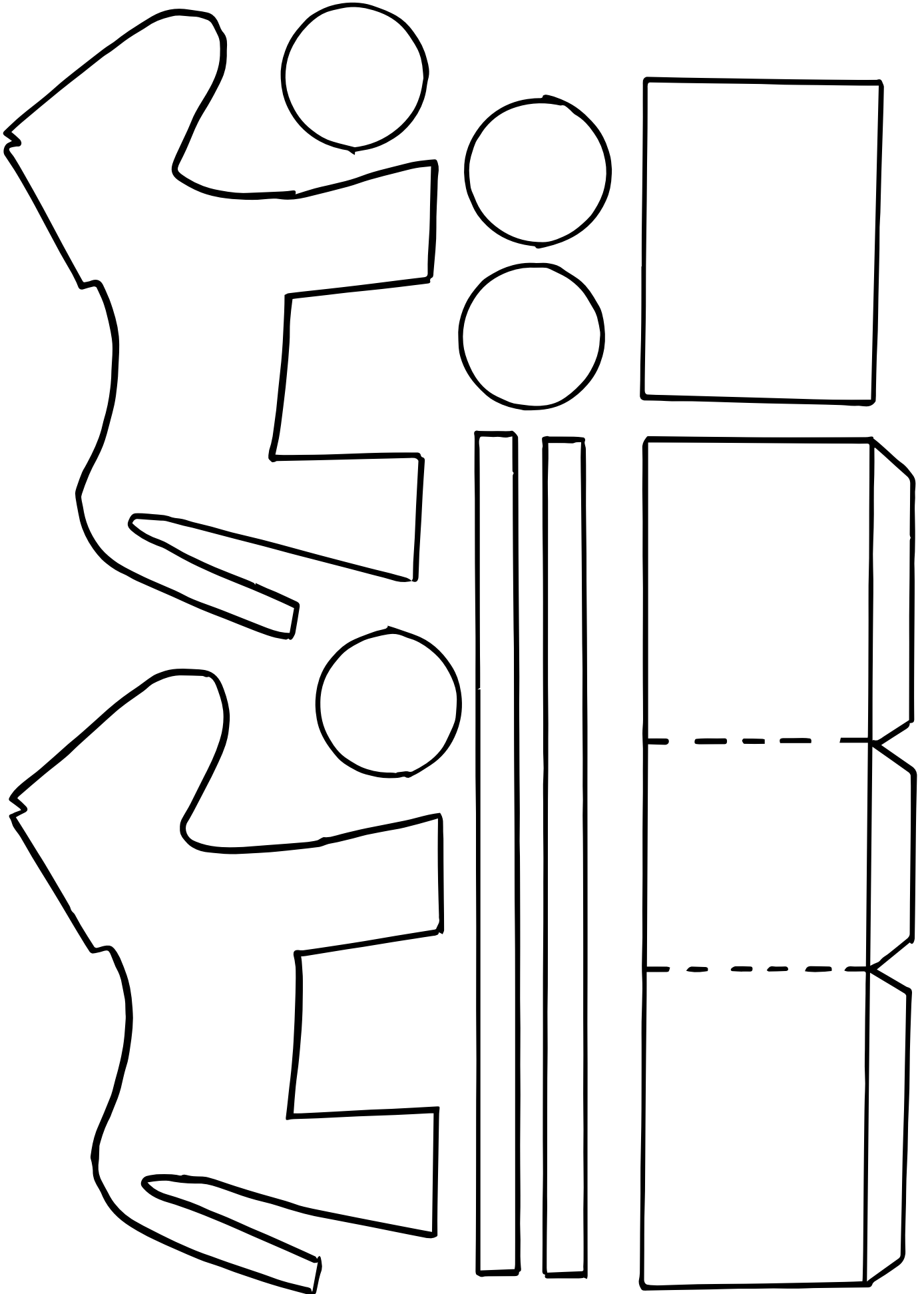


Glue the tabs and fit the bottom of the cart onto them



Ray Davies Collection, David Rowe





CARNIVAL FASHION DESIGNERS



The annual Buckley carnival was held during August from the 1920's until the 1980's/90's. A colourful procession of floats led by the Carnival King and Queen would tour the town. There was also a fun fair, dog and baby shows, dancing and music. People would dress in their best clothes.

Can you...

Design your own carnival clothes?

- Print or use the template on [Activity Sheet 6](#).
- Draw/cut out the outline of the figure.
- Draw your own carnival clothing using the photographs for inspiration.

Materials needed

- [Activity Sheet 6](#)
- Scissors
- Coloured card
- Coloured pens/pencils



"The Pearly King, Buckley Carnival, 1980" Flintshire Museum Service



