



### Key Questions

What happened during the Great Fire and how do we know?

How can we work out why the Great Fire started? New enquiry

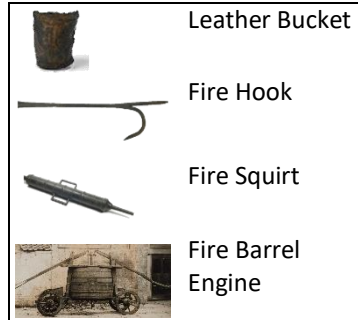
Why did the Great Fire burn down so many houses?

Could more have been done to slow the spread of the fire?

How did people manage to live through the Great Fire

How has the Great Fire of Buckingham impacted what the town looks like today?

### Past Fire Safety Equipment



### Modern Fire Safety Equipment



### Reasons Fire Spread Quickly in London

- The weather was hot and it hadn't rained for months.
- Houses in London were mainly built from wood and straw which is flammable
- The houses were very close together, so fire could easily spread.
- Strong winds were blowing
- There weren't fire engines and fire equipment was not much use.
- King Charles II did not act quickly enough

### Key Vocabulary

<b>Past</b>	Gone by in time.
<b>Present</b>	Taking place now.
<b>Modern</b>	Relating to recent times.
<b>Old-fashioned</b>	A style that is from the past.
<b>Similarity</b>	How people or objects are like each other.
<b>Difference</b>	How people or objects are not like each other.
<b>Aid</b>	A form of help given to people in need
<b>Disaster</b>	A sudden event causing much damage or suffering
<b>Diary</b>	A book that people write about their lives in.
<b>Eyewitness</b>	A person who has seen something and can give a description of it.
<b>Evidence</b>	Something that gives proof

### Sources

Photographs	Maps	Diary
Pictures / Paintings	Objects	

### The Great Fire of Buckingham

- 1725 (59 years later)
- Most of Castle Street and parts of Market Hill, West Street and Well Street were ablaze
- The fire destroyed 138 houses and left over a third of Buckingham homeless.
- The fire explains why, apart from the Chantry Chapel, there are no really old buildings in the centre of Buckingham.



### Samuel Pepys

Lived in London during the Great Fire of London and wrote about it in his diary



### King Charles II

King Charles II was the King of England in 1666. After the fire he said that houses must be built further apart and build from stone not wood

#### Early Sunday morning



The fire starts at Thomas Farriner's bakery on Pudding lane.

#### Sunday evening



Houses are pulled down in an attempt to stop the fire spreading.

#### Early Monday morning



People carry their possessions to safety using boats on the River Thames.

#### Monday evening



The fire spreads very close to the Tower of London.

#### Tuesday



St Paul's Cathedral is destroyed by the fire.

#### Wednesday



The fire starts to burn more slowly as the wind dies down.

#### Thursday



The fire is finally under control and put out.