

The Story *of the* Wolds Wagon

Trades



Fitting a wheel. From William Pyne Microcosm 1802

To make a wagon you need; a wheelwright, a blacksmith, a cartwright or wainwright, a sawyer to fell and shape the timber and a painter. Many businesses would have all these trades and produce the finished wagons from tree to the final coat of paint.

During the 19th century wagon makers could buy in some of the parts ready made in particular the metal axles, brass hub caps, hinges, metal work and nails.



Blacksmiths Mark and Harold Fletcher hooping a wheel with a hot metal rim. The metal rims were heated up and quickly cooled with water to shrink it on to the wheel.

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Two men one above and one below planking an oak tree in a saw pit.

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Cyril Sissons wheelwright from Beswick demonstrates making a wheel.

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