

Icon: Grace Darling

Grace became a famous heroine of the Northumberland coast when in 1838 she rowed out in a heavy storm to help rescue people from the wrecked ship, the Forfarshire. Because she was young and female, she received lots of praise and became a kind of celebrity. Only four years later, aged 22, she became ill with tuberculosis and died.

Go on a Grace Darling trail

Visit Bamburgh, where Grace was born. Here you can:

Go to The Grace Darling Museum

(Details of school visits and resources can be found on their website:

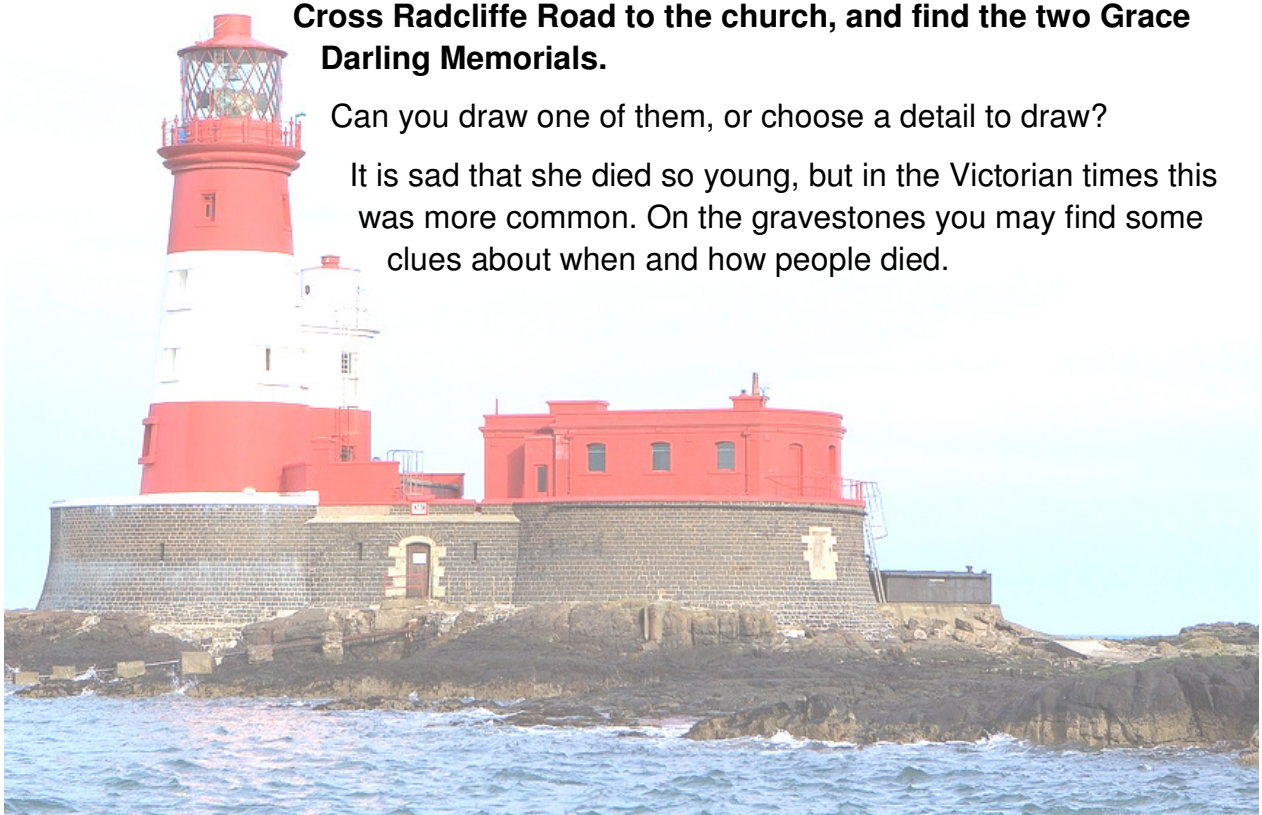
http://www.rnli.org.uk/who_we_are/the_heritage_trust/grace-darling-museum)

- Imagine what it would be like to live only with your family in a lighthouse.
- Experience the story of the rescue. What do you think Grace was saying to herself the whole time?
- If you had to rescue three items from this museum, what would you choose?

Cross Radcliffe Road to the church, and find the two Grace Darling Memorials.

Can you draw one of them, or choose a detail to draw?

It is sad that she died so young, but in the Victorian times this was more common. On the gravestones you may find some clues about when and how people died.



Visit the Farne Islands

The Darling family lived on Brownsman Island, where there are colonies of puffins and seals. The National Trust looks after the Farne Islands. You can get a boat there from Seahouses.

Can you make a record of what has changed and what has stayed the same since 1838? You could think about the wildlife, plants, climate, seas, transport and manmade structures.

Find out more about sea rescue today

Look out for coastguards and sea rescue boats all along the coast or find out more about the role of coastguards and the RNLI by visiting www.rnli.org

Did you know...

...that even though boats may be safer, the sea can be just as rough. In fact, the height of waves has increased due to global warming*.

*See this summary of research: <http://www.cosis.net/abstracts/EAE03/13351/EAE03-J-13351.pdf>

