

STRAW PLAITS, SHEEP DIP AND DOMESDAY!



Brentford 53km (33 miles)
Limehouse 77km (48 miles)

Berkhamsted has the dubious honour of being the home of sheep dip!

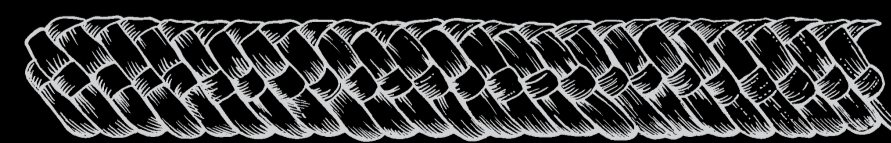
In 1852 a small factory was set up in Raven's Lane by William Cooper of Clunbury in Shropshire.

He experimented with arsenic and sulphur to produce the world's best known and most effective sheep dip.



Our grain production produced work for the townspeople. By the 19th Century Berkhamsted was one of the centres of the straw plaiting industry.

There were over 400 straw plaiters, serving the famous hat makers of Luton and Dunstable.



LOWER MILL

At the time of the Domesday Book (1086) the fast flowing Bulbourne River powered two water mills in Berkhamsted, serving the grain producers of this vast farming area.

The Lower Mill (The Old Mill Hotel) was still working in 1900.



Little Bridge Road

In 1864 Coopers steam-powered factory was run by coal delivered direct by boat.

In 1880 the Lower Works were built allowing coal, arsenic and sulphur to be delivered by canal and the finished product, sheep dip could leave the factory on gaily painted boats.

COOPER'S WHARF

DALTON'S WHARF

SAW MILL

YOU ARE HERE

LOK 55 'BERKHAMSTED OR SWEEP'S 2'

THE RISING SUN



RIVER BULBOURNE

SMITHY



To Berkhamsted Town

THE BOAT INN



Raven's Lane

To Ashridge

The Rising Sun, a Victorian canalside pub built in the 1880s, is largely unspoilt in its original charming setting and the only one left of its type in the area.

The Riser, as it is affectionately known by locals, originally had stabling for canal horses, which used the local smithy in George Street.

The new Boat Inn by Berkhamsted lock replaced a 17th Century building, a popular watering hole for boaters and their horses.

Canal and Riverside Partnership (CARP)

