

# History Knowledge Organiser

## It's a Smugglers Life for Me

Year 6

### Our learning

In our history lessons we will learn about **smuggling** in Sussex.

We will think about what **caused** it and what the **consequences** were.

We will think about how smuggling today is **similar** and **different** today to the past.



A Martello Tower where Blockademen watched for signs of smuggling

### Information

Smuggling happened in Sussex in the **18th Century** because of high **taxes** and declined in the **mid 19th century** when taxes were reduced.

People smuggled tea, wine, tobacco, lace and spices.

Smuggling gangs, such as the Hawkhurst Gang, brought **goods** into the country without paying taxes.

Smuggling still happens today but different things are smuggled.

### Important Dates

1817– The 'Coastal Blockade' was set up

1831– The coastguard replaced the Blockademen

### Vocabulary

**Smuggling**– the illegal movement of goods in and out of a country

**Taxes**– charges on goods paid to the government



taxes

**Coastal Blockade**– a group of men (Blockademen) who were sent to watch for smuggling along the Sussex coast

**Coastguard**– A government force set up to stop smuggling that still exists today.

