Hello! Sorry did I make you jump?

My name's **Thomas Bourne**, I've time travelled from 200 years ago. I used to work here checking that the boats travelled safely through the tunnel.

That meant lots of walking over the top of the moor. The tunnel is over 3 miles long, my mum used to get mad because I was always needing new shoes.

Want me to show you around? I’d like to look around myself and see how things have changed.

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Next to the tunnel entrance is Tunnel End Cottage where I lived. It was much better than the wooden hut we lived in while my dad was helping to build the tunnel.

Let's play a game. Circle the things you think I had in my house.

- Coal Fire
- Rug
- TV
- Book
- Electric Light
- Plant
- Kettle
- Felt Tips
- Soap

Hint – remember I lived here 200 years ago.
The warehouse is quiet today but it used to be quite noisy when it was bustling with workers and the different cargo moving in and out. It was enough to give you a headache!

Imagine what it would be like to be here when this was a busy working warehouse. Try and capture the sounds from my past.

What sorts of noises do you think you would have heard in a warehouse?

Did you know the Huddersfield Narrow Canal was really important for industries needing to transport their products to be shipped and sold? Can you guess what kind of cargo the boats carried? Look around see if you can find out.

Draw the right kind of cargo on this boat.

Yawn! All the walking was tiring I used to wish boats had cargos of pillows!
Tunnel Toes

Did you know that there isn’t a towpath inside the tunnel? This meant that boaters had to lie on their backs and push the boats through with their feet, which was called legging, while the horses were walked over the moor.

Complete the picture by adding the people onto this image. Now add their expressions, how do you think they’d be feeling?

Railway Rubbings

Follow me across the bridge to look at the railway. This wasn’t here 200 years ago. It must have changed everything. The trains move so much quicker than the boats through the tunnel.

If you look at the panel you could take a rubbing of the tunnel. Or even have a go at answering the questions.

It has been great fun visiting the future. I can’t believe how different my house is now! I think I’ll go back and check if there are any boats waiting for me.

Always remember to stay SAFE near water – Stay Away From the Edge.