

## HISTORY – GRACE DARLING

### Key Information

Grace Darling was a Lighthouse Keeper's daughter who helped to save 9 people after a ship crashed into the rocks and sank off the Northumberland coast near Bamburgh near her home in 1838. She was 22 years old when the rescue took place. Grace became a heroine after her heroic actions.



### Questions to think about

- What made Grace risk her own life to save others?
- Would there have been more survivors if there had been better boats available in 1838?
- What has changed since the rescue – are the lifeboats better now?

## KEY VOCABULARY

**Lighthouse** – A tower which has a light to warn ships at sea away from the land

**Shipwreck** – A ship which has been destroyed in an accident at sea

**Bamburgh** – A village on the coast of Northumberland

**Heroine** – A woman who has done something brave and who is admired by lots of people

**SS Forfarshire** – A steamship, with an engine powered by steam, which crashed near to Grace's lighthouse

**Rescue** – To save someone from a dangerous situation

Britain's oldest surviving lighthouse is built.

1669



Grace Darling is born.

1815



The Darlings move to Longstone lighthouse.

1825



The SS Forfarshire crashes. Queen Victoria rewards Grace Darling.

1838



Grace Darling dies.

1842



Grace Darling: Her True Story is published.

1880



Museum opened dedicated to Grace Darling.

1938

