

STORY MAP SCRIPT

It's 1578 and Queen Elizabeth the First is visiting Norwich TODAY!

The best spinners, weavers and stitchers are putting on a pageant.

First, they have a good wash and put on their finest clothes.

Then they walk to St Stephen's Gate.

When they arrive they see a brightly painted stage.

On the stage are their looms and spinning wheels.

Thomas Churchyard tells the workers to sit down, work and smile when the Queen comes to watch.

Listen! Clip Clop, Clip Clop! Hurrah, Hurrah, Hurrah! The Queen arrives on time!

Master Mayor bows and says:

“Welcome to Norwich Your Majesty”

Next, the City Waits start to sing and play their trumpets.

The Queen looks curiously at each of the workers in turn.

She watches:

5 workers carding [KS2 – to separate and straighten the woollen fibres]

4 workers spinning [KS2 – to twist and stretch the yarn]

3 workers weaving [KS2 – Worsted, our famous Norfolk fabric]

2 workers fulling wool [KS2 – to thicken and strengthen the fabric]

1 little child wearing his finest clothes [KS2 – to represent the skills and wealth of the city]

After that, the little child bows and speaks to the Queen:

[*last line for KS1; full speech for KS2]

“Most gracious prince, our sovereign Queen,
In this small show, our life is seen.
From combed wool makes the precious thread;
This skill and art provides our bread.
To feed each mouth no hands are still;
We work our looms to pay the bills.
We show our things that now we sell:
Our City, Norwich, loves you well!”

At the end of their show Her Majesty smiles and thanks the good people of Norwich.

Everyone Cheers, Hurrah!