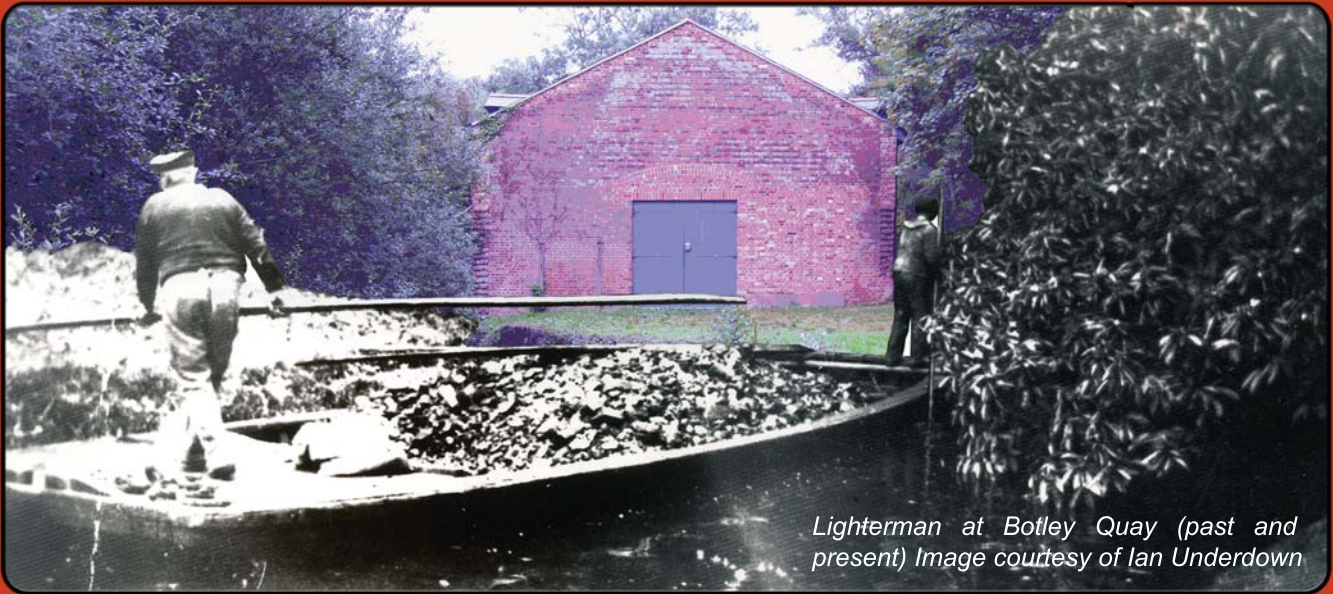


# Archaeology of the Hamble River:

## Trade and Industry

The Hamble River was extremely important to the local economy. Prior to the development of the railways the river was used by local traders as a highway to transport their wares. Over time many structures have been built along the river banks where an array of goods could be collected and delivered.

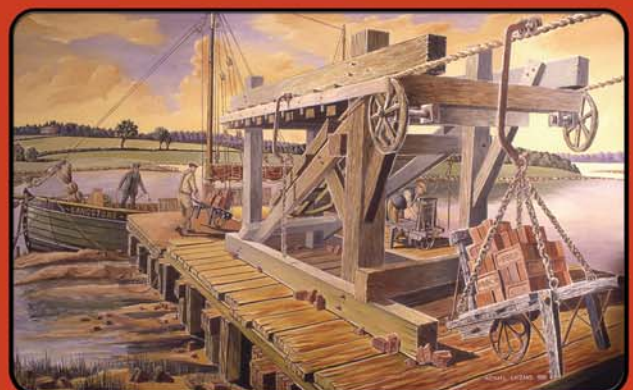


*Lighterman at Botley Quay (past and present) Image courtesy of Ian Underdown*

The Hamble River allowed trade to stretch far inland. At Botley there was an important dock for 'lightermen' who used small flat-bottomed punts to transport goods to and from larger ships that could not traverse the shallow water. Botley Quay ceased being used commercially in 1914.



*The HWTMA and local volunteers surveying Burr ridge Hard in 2007*



*Bricks taken from Bursledon Brickworks to the quay by an overhead ropeway. Painting by Michael Laizen*

Three rows of posts and bracing timbers near Burr ridge Farm are the remains of a wharf and boat berth. The compact surface indicates where the wharf used to be. Local residents remember a horse cart trackway, and historic maps show quarrying nearby. It is likely these relate to the wharf and berth.

At Hoe Moor Creek are the remains of a timber dock which was built by 1881 for a nearby brickworks called Fosters Coppice. In 1897 the larger Bursledon Brickworks was built and by 1909 the smaller brickworks was gone. During World War II this area was used for Landing Craft training, and was known as HMS *Cricket*.

