Unit 202: Changing practices over time

# Worksheet 1: Pre-1919 construction methods and materials

1. Research the difference between pre-1919 cruck roofs and modern roof truss roofs.

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1. Write a definition of the term ‘dressing’ in relation to working with slate as roofing material.

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1. Timber was an important structural material in many pre-1919 buildings’ cruck roofs. Describe how oak pegs are used to hold a cruck roof together.

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1. Research online and describe how oak beams were shaped to form pre-1919 cruck roofs. Explain why these skills are still required today.

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1. Explain the term ‘head lap’ of a roof slate.

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1. State the benefits of lime mortar in pre-1919 roofs?

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1. Power tools as we know them today were not available in the past. A range of hand tools were used. Research hand tools that a pre-1919 slater might use.

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