

# Make a wherry

Wherries were big cargo boats which sailed on the rivers and Broads.

Usually there were just two people working on them – and sometimes only one.

Only one still sails. The wherry Albion.



(1) Go into a large space with the children.

Remind them that a wherry was 18 metres long and 4.6 metres wide.

Ask them to stand in a circle and then to move outwards until they've made a shape the same size as the outline of a wherry.

(Have a piece of string 18 metres long and another 4.6 m wide and check their shape's dimensions.) *You'll be amazed at how big it is.*

(2) In small groups, the children can make model wherries. There are many good photos of the Albion on the website.

[www.wherryalbion.com](http://www.wherryalbion.com)

