



## **L** is for *Lifejacket*

This cork lifejacket came from the volunteer lifeboat, the 'Elizabeth Simpson', which was stationed at Gorleston.

This type of lifejacket was designed in the 1850's by Captain Ward, an inspector with the RNLI, and was used right up until the second world war, when something more recognisable as a modern lifejacket was pioneered.

It wasn't until 1913, the year after the sinking of the Titanic, that it became compulsory for ships to have life jackets available for every passenger.

Traditionally, fishermen would not wear lifejackets and many also never learned to swim. Their attitude was that if they went overboard, they would drown anyway, it was not worth fighting it.

Cork floats really well, what else can you find around the house that floats?



Can you make your own museum of 'L' objects from around your home?

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