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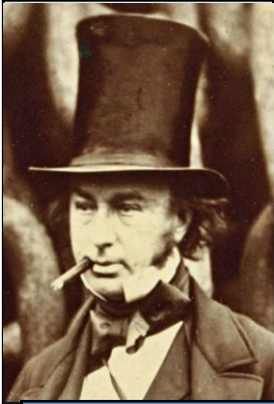
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The World We Live In The Changing Face of Swindon

GWR

Great Western
Railway

Isambard Kingdom Brunel - 1806 to 1859



Isambard Kingdom Brunel was an engineer. He is famous because he built railways and designed bridges, tunnels, viaducts and passenger ships. Brunel had a huge impact on Swindon. Because the Great Western Railway needed a central repair works at the halfway point between London and Bristol, Brunel decided the best place to build this was Swindon. Brunel's GWR Works transformed Swindon from a tiny hilltop settlement to a leading centre of industry.

Isambard Kingdom Brunel - His Impact on Swindon

The Great Western Railway needed a central repair works at the halfway point between London and Bristol and it was decided the best place to build this was Swindon.

In 1867 Swindon was also made the central workshop for the construction of carriages and wagons making even more jobs available.

The railway transformed Swindon from a small 2,500 population market town into a bustling railway town.

It was easier for people to travel around the country especially to London and Bristol.

WOW words

Industrial Revolution

A period of major changes in the way products were made. In earlier days, people made products by hand. During the Industrial Revolution, many factories were built. Laborers began making large numbers of things using machines powered by engines.

Natural Resources

Something that is found in nature and can be used by people. Earth's **natural resources** include light, air, water, plants, animals, soil, stone, minerals, and fossil fuels.

Production

When something is made or produced.

Landscape

A picture representing a view of natural inland scenery

Trains

A railway engine connected to carriages for carrying people or goods.

Brunel

An engineer famous for building railways.

Railway

A network of tracks along which trains run.

Change

To make something different by modifying or altering.

Swindon

A town located in the South West of England.

Ordinance Survey Map

A map used to depict the landscape's human and physical features.

GREAT WEST WAY® ROUTE MAP

