

## Creative writing challenge

Here's a picture of a painting in one of the museum's special exhibitions, Place to Place. The painting by Geoff Beckett is called "Look! It's a Mr de Havilland's Flying Machine". It shows the historic flight of Geoffrey de Havilland's plane over Newbury in 1910. Northbrook Street is crowded with horses and carriages, an early motor car, bicycles and a man driving a cart.

Geoffrey de Havilland was an aircraft designer and pilot. His first plane was destroyed but this, his second, was a success.

Imagine you are one of the people pictured in the painting and describe what you thought and felt on seeing the plane, the first you would have ever seen. You might like to research online about the history of early aircrafts and flight.

