

Smuggling



Bringing goods into country without paying duties

Highway Robbery



Threatening/attacking travellers for them to surrender their valuables

Poaching



Taking animals or fish from land you do not own - 1723 Black Act made this criminal offence.

### Bloody Code

- 50 capital crimes
- The Waltham Black Act in 1723 increased this to 200 capital crimes
- Some crimes as minor as poaching a rabbit



**Elizabeth Fry and John Howard** argued that prisoners should live in decent conditions to reflect on their wrongdoings



### Tolpuddle Martyrs

Group of farmers led by Loveless formed a secret union in 1833 In 1834 were found out and Loveless and 5 others were sentenced to 7 years' transportation



Fry was influential in bringing about the **1823 Gaols Act**, requiring that:

- Prisoners would no longer be kept in chains
- Gaolers would be paid to prevent corruption
- Female prisoners would be watched by female wardens



## CRIME & PUNISHMENT IN BRITAIN c1700- c1900

Henry Fielding established the **Bow Street Runners** in 1748

- Team of **volunteers** who investigated crime scenes and searched for criminals
- They were so successful the **government** began **paying** them for their work in **1985**
- They are considered the **forerunners** of the **modern police force**

**First police force** formed in London **1829** by **Sir Robert Peel**

Main objective was to have constables on street to deter criminals



**1856 Police Act** required all areas in country to have a professional police force



**Criminal Investigations Department** was set up in **1878**

They developed new methods to identify criminals such as fingerprints and handwriting



### Pentonville Prison

- Prison in London designed by Jebb, built between 1840-1842
- Run as a separate prison with individual prison cells

