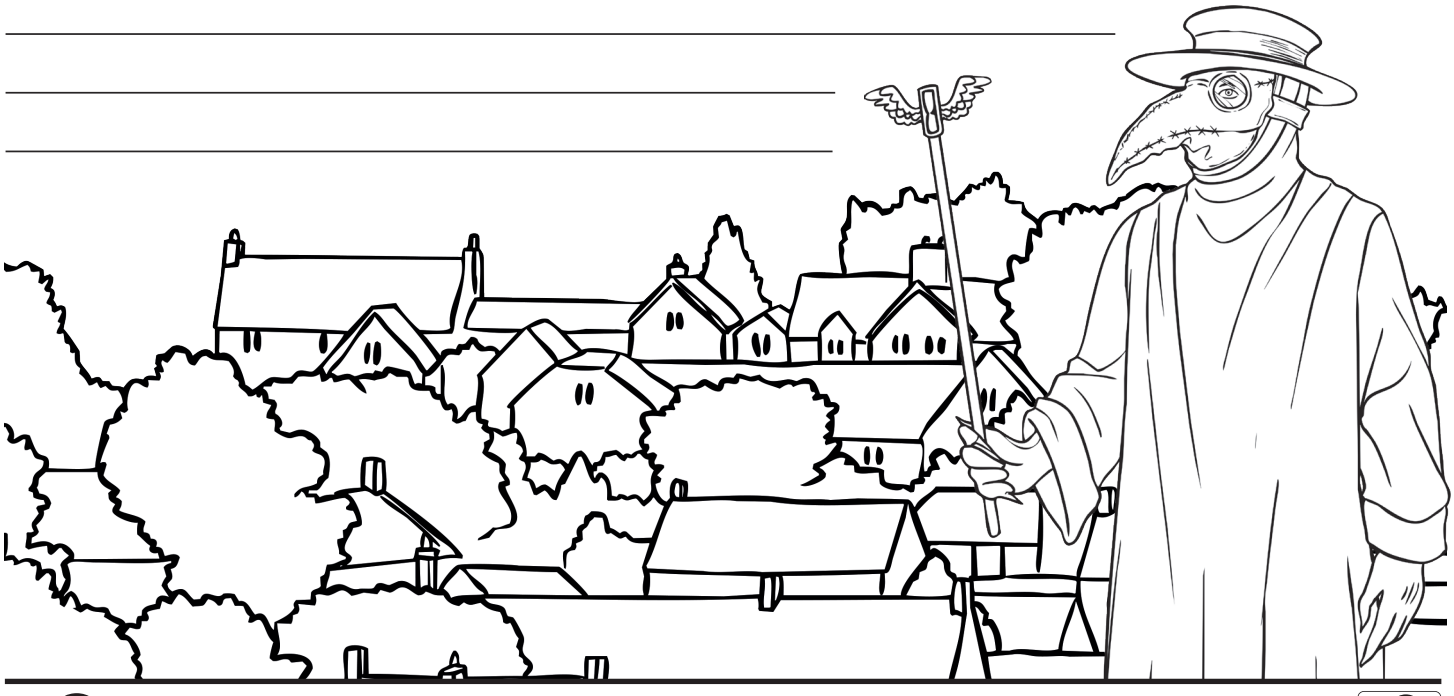
Quarantine

On 26th June 1666, William Mompesson suggested that Eyam should be quarantined in order to stop the plague spreading to other areas. This meant that no one was allowed to enter or leave the village. Other villages brought food and other supplies to Eyam, leaving them at the entrance to the village. Church services were held outside, with family groups standing at a distance from other families. Families buried their own dead.

Imagine you were in charge of putting a village in quarantine. What would you need? How would you get supplies in to the village? What would life be like inside the village? Write your plans below.