What Was London Like After the Great Fire?

On Friday 7th September 1666, the fire was almost out. It had been burning for five days.

The wind wasn't blowing so hard any more and people could see what the city looked like.



3 Homes destroyed

⁴ The air was grey with ashes and smoke. Over 13,000 houses and 10 churches had been destroyed. Thousands of people had run into the fields and hills around London to escape from the fire, and now they had nowhere to go. Some people left London. Poor people lived on the streets and begged for money.

8 Homes rebuilt

⁹ After a while, some people were given work. They had to clear up the mess left by the fire. Then builders started to build new homes. The government said that all new buildings had to be built out of brick or stone instead of wood.