

# We hope you enjoy this painting from the Pannett Art Gallery

Whitby Harbour by Elias Bancroft 1846–1924



*Did you notice the little dog, waiting patiently for its master?*

*Have you ever had, or do you have now, any pets? If so, what animals are these pets and what are their names?*

*There are some colourful window boxes and pot plants growing outside the cottages in this painting.*

*What are your favourite flowers?*

**Elias Mollineux Bancroft** was born in Cheshire. He studied at the Royal College of Art and later taught at the Manchester School of Art. He is known as a landscape painter but his paintings often feature the buildings and the life of the local people. He mainly painted in London, Wales and Whitby.

He was married to Louisa Mary Bancroft and was President, and then later Secretary, of the Manchester Academy of Fine Arts. He often exhibited at Manchester City Art Gallery, as well as at the Royal Academy, the Royal College of Art and elsewhere.

This intriguing painting shows us Tin Ghaut, Whitby, which was a slipway between the houses on Church Street, leading down to the harbour. Tin Ghaut was demolished in the 1960's but Bancroft's painting is full of fabulous details that help us to understand what it was like. If you look closely at the house on the left of the painting you can see a goldfish in its bowl on the windowsill.