



World War 2 Workshops

Below is a list of what will be covered on the day.

We are flexible on what we offer. Please contact us if you would like to discuss details or make any changes.

Rationing and Evacuation

The Home Front session encourages students to explore the plans to ensure there was adequate food for all. How rationing was organised and, with a weeks' ration on show, what sort of meals were on offer? What was the role of government posters encouraging people to dig for victory or make do and mend?

Decisions behind the idea of evacuation are explored, a typical suitcase of an evacuee is examined and the importance of gas masks and identify cards discussed.

Weapons and Uniforms

A range of uniforms, suited to the various theatres of WW2, are available for our visitors to examine. Weapons of the period indicate the technology of the time with a focus on the infantry's role in the conflict.

Civil Defence

How Britain's prepared for, and coped with air raids in the Second World War the roles of Air Raid Wardens, St John Ambulance, The Red Cross, WVS, and National Fire Service in WW2 are studied. The issuing of gas masks, the blackout and air raid shelters show how the country prepared for war, and protected the civilian population.

The Shelters

Outdoor activities include a visit to our (replica) public air raid shelter, complete with a sound track depicting a bombing attack on a British city, a chance to explore our Anderson shelters and a fully equipped WW2 pillbox.