



Peterborough Museum
& Art Gallery

WWII: 10th May 1941

KS2+ School Session: History, English

Discover how the museum building and its people played a role in WWII as you step back in time to one specific day in 1941. As London experienced their longest and worst night of the Blitz, bombs dropped on the Priestgate area in Peterborough too. Uncover a taste of life for citizens and evacuees in World War 2.

Learning Objectives:

- To identify, understand and appreciate the impact that WW2 had on this area and on people's lives
- Understand the roles of volunteers like the ARP Warden and Home Guard

Links to National Curriculum

- To study an aspect of history and a site that is significant in the locality
- To develop an understanding of how our understanding of the past is constructed from a range of sources
- A theme that extends knowledge beyond 1066

Activity 1: Air Raid Shelter

You will be escorted down into the museum cellar's air raid shelter by an ARP Warden. Handle real WWII artefacts and test out your gas masks. Meet Abigail, the Museum caretaker's daughter, who is also sheltering downstairs. Experience the sights, sounds and even the shakes of an air raid!

Activity 2: Home Guard

Meet Mrs Winter, the Museum caretaker's wife. Mr Winter is in the Home Guard and she will tell you all about his Home Guard duties. Discover what this involves and try out some of the tasks including drill. Practise using a stirrup pump and watch out for any incendiary bombs in the Museum Garden

Activity 3: Make do and Mend craft

Make a spitfire or carrier pigeon out of recycled materials and find out about make do and mend

Key Information:

Duration: Full day, 10am-2pm

Half day option for 1 class

Cost: £250+VAT for full day

Max Group Size: 30

Max class size: 3

Min Staff-Student Ratio: 1:10

Booking Process &

Questions:

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We are always happy to adapt to your needs

When the activities and date are agreed, a booking form and risk assessment are emailed to you.

To confirm the visit we ask that you complete the booking form and email it back to us

Accessibility:

Access to the Vaults (air raid shelter) is by steps. It is not wheelchair accessible. Please contact us to discuss any access requirements.

