Timetable for World War 2 – Life on the Home Front in Chelmsford

The session is 1.45 hours: 10.15 – 12.00 or 12.45 – 2.30pm. The museum opens at 10am.

Please arrive in time to be ready to start the session promptly. If you need to change your arrival or leaving time, please let us know before your visit so we can adapt the session to fit with your travel times.

Lunch space. There is plenty of outdoor space to picnic outside or indoor space if wet or cold.

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Arrive – toilets, coats and bags put away</td></tr>
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We introduce the group to Bernard and his family who lived in Chelmsford during World War 11 and work out why Chelmsford was a key target for the German Luftwaffe. Through the activities we then explore the ‘Big Question’
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