

Blitz Trail

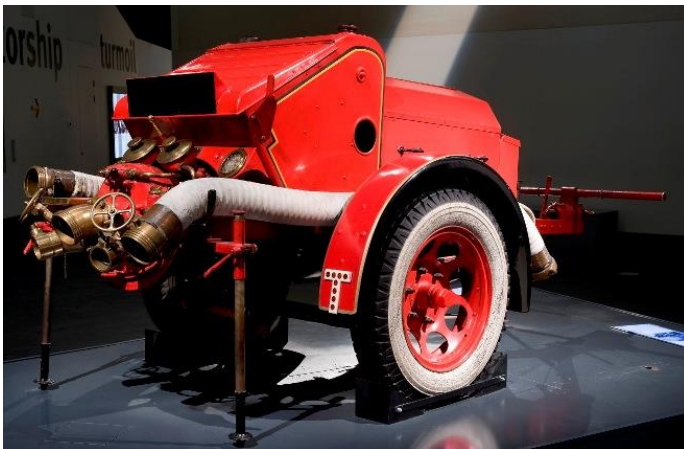
Welcome to IWM North

Use this activity sheet as you walk around the Main Exhibition Space to help you discover more information about the home front of the Second World War.
Good luck!

1. Fighting fires



Can you find the Fire Fighting Trailer Pump?



What is it?

Look at the text panel to find out.

Who or what pulled it?

What would it be like to pull it? Circle words from the list.

Hard Tiring Easy Fun Difficult



Did you know?

During the Second World War, Hovis, the flour and baking company owned the site that the museum now stands on. The wooden grain silos on this site burned to the ground during the Trafford Park Blitz in 1940.

The word 'auxiliary' means 'extra' or back up'.

Why did Britain need an 'extra' fire service during the Second World War?



This photograph shows volunteers of the Auxiliary Fire Service (AFS).

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2. The Blitz

'Blitz' is short for _____ which is German for 'lightning war'.

The German air force was called the Luftwaffe. Some areas were bombed more than others.

Circle the places you think were bombed.

Airfields **Docks** **Factories** **Countryside**



Can you find this shelter?



What type of shelter is it?

Look at the text panel.

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This sort of shelter was found on the roofs of factories.

Can you list any other kinds of shelters?

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3. ARP wardens

Lots of people helped protect Britain from the Blitz as well as the Fire Service, such as ARP wardens.

What does ARP stand for?

A__ R__ _ Precautions



Members of Butetown's 'International Warden's Post' at work

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ARP wardens were civilians, everyday people who had not joined the armed forces. They volunteered to become wardens in order to help protect people and buildings in their area. Gas masks were issued to everyone in Britain during the Second World War. Though Britain prepared for gas attacks, gas was never dropped on Britain.

How would you feel about being an ARP warden?

Use your own words or choose from the list below.

Frightened
Proud
Responsible

Angry
Excited