



Broxbourne World War Two Trail

To mark the 80th anniversary of the end of World War Two, Broxbourne Borough Council has produced this trail of sites within the Borough with links to World War Two. Not every location could be included, and we recommend a visit to Lowewood Museum in Hoddesdon to access their extensive collection.

Lowewood staff have helped with this listing as have a number of websites including Hertfordshire Memories and Historic England. Some locations are on private property and so may not be accessed without the landowner's position. Other locations are on busy roads or by railway tracks and we urge you to take care.

1. Goffs Oak War Memorial Goffs Lane, Goffs Oak, Waltham Cross EN7 5HF

2. Broxbourne War Memorial Station Road, Broxbourne EN10 7AU

3. Cheshunt War Memorial Almshouses, Turners Hill, Cheshunt EN8 9BE

4. Hoddesdon War Memorial High Street, Hoddesdon EN11 8HD

5. Burnt Farm Camp south of Silver Street, Goffs Oak, EN7 5JG.

This hosted a heavy anti-aircraft gunsite. Burnt Farm Camp is described as an exceptional survival of its type and provides a significant, visible reminder of the nature of home defence during World War II. Its function was to combat German bombers heading towards the capital, the Thames estuary and other military targets. The importance of the site lies in the complexity and range of surviving gun emplacements and ancillary buildings, including a well preserved command post; generator block; radar vehicle; equipment enclosures and on-site magazine.

6. Little Cot Cottage Goffs Lane, Goff's Oak, Waltham Cross EN7 5HJ [junction with St Johns Road]

On 17 August 1944, a V1 flying bomb landed on this property killing two members of the Marvell family who lived there along with two visiting cousins. A local air raid warden also died during this incident in which was the biggest loss of civilian lives in Goffs Oak during World War Two

7. Lieutenant Ellis Memorial Lieutenant Ellis Way, Waltham Cross, EN7 5FB

On 12 August 1944, a US Air Force B24 Liberator bomber crashed on farmland near Cheshunt, killing all ten airmen on board. The plane, commanded by Lieutenant John D. Ellis, was based at Wending, Norfolk, and was part of 577th Squadron, 392nd Bomb Group, scheduled to carry out a bombing raid against Juvicort Airfield in France. Adverse weather forced the plane to turn back. It is believed that Lieutenant Ellis and his crew deliberately steered their plane away from the built-up areas of Cheshunt and Waltham Cross, sacrificing their chance to bale out in order to safeguard the civilian population.



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