

## Can't come to us? We can come to you! Peterborough Museum Outreach



### WWII Home Guard Officer (Living History) KS2 Session

Discover how Peterborough's people played their role in WWII as you step back in time to 1941 at the time of the London Blitz.

The story for the day is that the children have just recently arrived in Peterborough as evacuees and are settling into their new temporary homes and school. The local home guard officer, Mr Winters, is visiting the school looking for new recruits to this voluntary Home Front service and how to encourage them to do their bit for the war effort. How will Peterborough defend itself on the Home Front?

<b>Duration:</b>	Approx. 45 mins.	
<b>What happens:</b>	Pupils will meet a WWII home guard officer and will hear what his role involves. During the Blitz, more recruits to the home guard service were needed. Pupils will handle real and replica WWII artefacts as the officer describes what it is like to live in these times and will take part in some essential training drills such as putting out small fires with a stirrup pump and scooping up incendiary bombs (access to an outside area will be preferable). At the end pupils will be asked to consider the importance of this and other voluntary services on the Home Front.	
<b>Maximum group size:</b>	Up to 35 pupils. We can work with one group at a time and up to four groups in a full day (from 9:45am)	
<b>Booking information:</b>	Email: <a href="mailto:vivacityforschools@vivacity.org">vivacityforschools@vivacity.org</a> Phone: 01733 864 706 / 700 When the activities and date are agreed, a booking form is emailed to you. To confirm the visit we ask that you complete the booking form and email it back to us.	
<b>Cost:</b>	£120: one class £200: two classes £270: three classes £320: four classes	No additional travel costs to school within Peterborough city council.
<b>You might also be interested in...</b>	... this and additional WWII activities at Peterborough Museum where there is an original public air raid shelter underneath the museum building. For more information visit <a href="https://vivacity.org/for-schools/">https://vivacity.org/for-schools/</a>	



*"The children said it was really realistic and they felt like they could get into the role. It required them to work as a team and experience what the 'war effort' would have been like. They produced some quality recount writing about the experience,"*  
*(Teacher from Thomas Deacon Junior School)*