



5. Newspaper article

Subjects covered: Local History, WW2, Citizenship, Art & Design, ICT, English.

Skills Required: Speaking, listening and communication, finding and selecting information, communicating information

Notes for the teacher: All School references can be found either in the Schools folder or in 'The War at Home' pages.

Use photographs from the past of Middlewich, together with written and audio visual material. The following ideas and questions can guide you towards classroom sessions that include the above skills and subject areas, engaging differing age groups and ability.

Resources on this site include:

- Any of the Interpretation Boards
- 'War at Home' CD – section 2 'Bombs and Planes', section 3 'evacuees', section 4 a song about the bombing of Liverpool with interviews, section 9 'Byley Airfield' inc story of war work.
- Examples of newspapers from 1939
- Any from the Interview Collection
- Further Resources available from Middlewich Town Council Book Shop, including Allan Earl's book 'Middlewich at War'

Becoming a War-time News Reporter

Listen to an interview or collection of interviews and piece together what's happening. Pupils can use role play or debate to come up with some news story ideas. What kind of background information can you find about the event or similar events?

With the information the pupils can put together a news story; what would be the headline, the main news story and possible outcomes or after-effects? What would be the picture to accompany the news item? Pupils can design the front cover news story page either on paper, as an English-Art combined poster board, or use ICT to produce the desired effect.

Alternatively or in addition turn the interviews into a class discussion on the event with differing viewpoints, what would the pupils have done in the interviewees position?